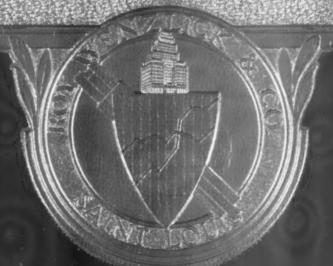
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RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COST DATA

HE problem of estimating construction costs by the cubic foot method is often complicated by different building designs. For example, a residence without a basement will have a higher cubic cost than another of the same area with a basement. Likewise, the newer types of houses with their low gables will have a higher cubic cost than will an older type of house (of the same quality) with high gables.

For the past several years we have published breakdowns of cubic foot costs by type of space. In these breakdowns we show the cost per cubic foot of roof space, living space, and basement space. The cubic content of the roof is figured from the top of the ceiling joists to the outer surface of the roof. The cubic content of the basement is figured from the bottom of the first floor joists to 6 inches beneath the basement floor. Therefore, the living space includes all volume lying between the bottom of the first floor joists and the top of the ceiling joists.

In computing the costs of the basement and attic space, only the structural portion has been considered. The cost of the plumbing, heating, and electrical systems is included in the cost of the living space, even though portions are actually located in the basement or attic.

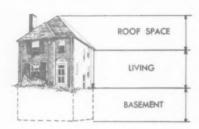
The various unit cost figures in this bulletin may be substituted within certain limits. For example, suppose you were appraising a brick house of approximately the same size and shape as the six-room frame house. Instead of using 91.6¢ per cubic foot for the cost of the living space, you would substitute the cost of the living space in the six-room brick house, or \$1.005 per cubic foot. You would find, therefore, that the living space would cost \$14,850 and the total cost would be \$17,870, compared with \$16,570 for a frame house of the same size and shape.

In a slightly different manner, suppose you were appraising a brick veneer house of approximately the same size and shape as the brick ranch house. This is a small house of only 16,250 cubic feet, including a full basement. Moreover, it has a very small roof cubage. These two factors account for the high cubic foot cost of its living space (\$1.21). Because of the wide difference in size, it

CUBIC COSTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPACE













SIX-ROOM FRAME HOUSE (Ground area 825 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,050	3,300	31.8¢	6.3
Living	13, 550	14,788	91.6	81.8
Basement	1,970	6, 200	31.8	11.9
Total	\$16,570	24, 288	68.2¢	100.0

FIVE-ROOM BRICK VENEER HOUSE

	(Ground	area 1, 100	sq. 11.)	
Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,825	5,003	36.5¢	12.1
Living	10,655	11, 125	95.8	70.5
Basement	2,620	8,782	29.8	17.4
Total	\$15, 100	24,910	60.6¢	100.0

SIX-ROOM BRICK HOUSE (Ground area 751.sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,100	2,878	38. 2¢	6.4
Living	14,300	14,222	100.5	82.6
Basement	1,900	6,000	31.7	11.0
Total	\$17,300	23, 100	74.9¢	100.0

SIX-ROOM CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW (Ground area 992 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 850	2,480	34.3¢	9.0
Living	8, 100	8,430	96.0	86.0
"Basement"	470	1, 209	38. 9	5.0
Total	\$ 9,420	12, 119	77.7¢	100.0

BRICK BUNGALOW (Ground area 1, 190 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,860	5,223	35.6¢	12.0
Living	11,000	11,050	99.5	71.0
Basement	2,630	9,100	28.9	17.0
Total	\$15,490	25, 373	61. 0¢	100.0

BRICK RANCH HOUSE (Ground area 840 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per	% of total cost
Roof			cu. ft.	
Living	\$ 840 8,810	2,520 7,300	33. 3¢ 120. 7	7.5 78.5
Basement	1,580	6,430	24.6	14.0
Total	\$11,230	16,250	69.1¢	100.0

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would not be correct to substitute the cost of the living space in the brick veneer house (95.8¢). However, it would be correct to adjust this \$1.21 per cubic foot downward in proportion to the difference in the cost of living space in the fiveroom brick and the five-room brick veneer. Since the living space in the five-room brick costs 99.5¢ per cubic foot, and that in the five-room brick veneer costs 95.8¢, it is permissible to reduce the \$1.21 by about 4%. Therefore, the living space in a brick veneer ranch house would cost about \$1.16 per cubic foot, compared with the \$1.21 in the brick ranch house.

The total cost of the basement space is naturally governed by the size of the ground area. The exception to this is found in the basement cost of the brick ranch house. Its cost of \$1,580 is the lowest of any of these houses with basements. However, it is of new design and has a lower basement ceiling than the older types of houses and no outside basement entrance. Furthermore, its foundation walls are 8 inches thick compared with 12 inches in the other houses. The California-type bungalow should not be included in this comparison because it has no true basement. There is only a crawl space. The foundation is poured concrete, 6 inches thick, and the cost of the "basement" is made up of the foundation walls, footings, and 4×4 wood supports.

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FOREWORD

In designing this new enlarged Wenzlick Cost Manual, effort has been made to include most of those features required for the average residential appraisal. Searching back through the past volumes of the Real Estate Analyst, the editor has selected pertinent articles and, where necessary, had them brought up to date.

The user of this manual will find it divided into three sections. The first includes the plans, specifications, cost tables, and perimeter cost curve information for our nine standard buildings - six of which are residential, two are apartment buildings, and one is a commercial building.

The second section includes additional building cost data presented in a somewhat different fashion. Charts showing construction costs over the past years up until the present are included for a number of different types of structures. In addition, there is cost information for such miscellaneous items as porches, garages, summer cottages, yard improvements, etc.

The third section includes a body of miscellaneous information, all pertinent to real estate appraising, with an emphasis on the residential field. This section includes such items as a lot depth table, depreciation curves, market price calculator, etc.

One of the problems inherent in the publication of a manual such as this is keeping the cost information up to date. The long tables included with each of the standard houses show quarterly data through April 1955. Periodically, supplements will be issued bringing these figures up to date where fluctuations in costs warrant.

All basic cost data shown in this manual are for St. Louis, Missouri. On page 2 will be found a table allowing for the conversion of these costs for some 72 cities located throughout the country. These figures are based on information we have gathered covering selected building material and labor items. The user may wish to adjust the conversion figure shown for his city through the use of personally acquired cost data.

As additional information of this general nature is developed by the Wenzlickresearch organization it will be made available to active subscribers as additions to the Cost Manual.

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STANDARD SIX ROOM FRAME



Content: 24, 288 cubic feet 1, 650 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Materials, Labor, Appliances. Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, permits, light and power necessary for the completion of the Wenzlick standard six-room frame house. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be sound, new and of good quality and all work shall be done in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION

The contractor shall clear the site of all trees, brush, etc., which come within the area of the proposed building. He shall carefully remove and stack on the plot the top soil for making the lawn.

Excavation shall be of sufficient area and depth to accommodate the building indicated; foundation walls shall be carefully backfilled. Any surplus material not required to grade the plot as designated by plans shall be removed from the premises. Any shortage of materials shall be furnished by the contractor.

Rock excavation is not included in this contract. The contractor will be paid an additional price per cubic foot for rock removal as specified in his bid.

Pumping of other than surface water is not included in the contract price. If spring or other sub-surface water is encountered, the contractor will be paid an additional price per day for keeping the excavation free at the price quoted in his bid or agreed upon between the contractor and the owner.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS

Footings and foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5) parts broken stone,

trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2-inch screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of excavated material shall be used as a form.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK

The under-course shall be poured over a well tamped 3-inch cinder bed and shall be composed of concrete as specified above, laid level to a thickness of not

less than 2-1/2 inches. A finish coat of one (1) part Portland Cement and three (3) parts clean sharp sand shall be applied to a thickness of not less than one (1) inch on top of all concrete under-courses, finished smooth and leveled under a steel trowel. Concrete fill shall be provided for tile floors in the bathroom and lavatory. Front and rear entrance slabs to be 4-inch concrete mixed and finished as specified above.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS The contractor shall provide all brick work, as specified on the plans, comprising a chimney, as indicated, flues lined with terracotta of proper dimensions, fireplace opening lined with fire brick,

equipped with cast-iron throat, and damper and steel smoke chamber. Cast-iron ash dump and clean-out doors provided as indicated.

Common brick shall be laid in running bond with each fifth course a header course, and laid in cement mortar composed of one (1) part bulk lime, three (3) parts clean sharp sand to which may be added 10 per cent hydrated lime. Chimney exposed above the roof shall be laid with face brick. A chimney cap shall be provided as indicated on plans. Mantel shall be of venetian red mantel brick.

LATHING, PLASTERING AND STUCCO

Exterior gable ends (see plans) shall be stuccoed with two-coat work, stucco placed on heavy-gauge expanded metal lath, applied securely to the sheathing and nailed every 12 inches. Both coats

of stucco shall be one (1) part Portland Cement and two (2) parts clean sand. The finishing coat shall be textured as directed.

Where tiled walls occur in the bathroom and lavatory, the contractor shall cover with metal lath and cement mortar scratch.

Contractor shall provide for three-coat plastering over rock lath (or expanded metal lath) secured to studs (or joints) at each intersection with blued lath nail, corner beads provided for all exterior angles. The scratch coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to two (2) parts sand, with proper proportions of fiber and sand added. The brown coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to three (3) parts sand. The finished coat shall be one (1) part dry gauged plaster to two (2) parts dry hydrated lime. First grade workmanship is required in the application of each plaster coat. No cornice or other ornamental plaster work is contemplated under this contract.

INSULATION

Four inches of loose insulating material, rock wool or equal, shall cover entire area of second floor ceiling. All exterior walls shall have 4 inch-

es of insulation material. If quilt or bat type is used, it shall be not less than 4 inches thick. Loose fill material, if used, shall be supported vertically every 2 feet and sections so formed between studs packed with sufficient material to insure installation in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. The contractor shall submit for approval both type and trade name of proposed material.

TILING

This specification provides for tiling bathroom and lavatory. Floors shall be prepared by the carpenter and mason, and walls by plaster contractor

as specified above. The tile setter shall furnish and install four and a quarter by four and a quarter glazed commercial-grade wall tile with approved caps, cove bases, angles, finials, etc., color to be selected by owner. Tile installed to a height of 3 feet 6 inches and to ceiling around bath tub. Bathroom and lavatory floors shall be 1-inch or 2-inch hexagonal white ceramic tile.

The contractor shall furnish all setting materials and on completion leave the entire work properly grouted and cleaned.

ROUGH CARPENTRY
AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All material shall be of sizes indicated, with allowance

for milling.

Floor Joists

2 in. x 10 in. - spaced 16 in. c to c
Ceiling Joists

2 in. x 6 in. - spaced 16 in. c to c
2 in. x 6 in. - spaced 16 in. c to c
Studding in exterior walls

Studding in exterior walls

and interior partitions 2 in. x 4 in. - spaced 16 in. c to c

One line of cross bridging shall be provided for each floor span exceeding 10 feet. Framing shall be in accordance with best practice, using box method for constructing the first floor and platform method above. The entire structure shall be braced and trussed where necessary and securely nailed as required by best practice.

UNDER FLOORING AND SHEATHING Sheathing on roof and exterior walls and all subflooring shall be provided as indicated. Material shall be No. 2, dressed and not over 6 inches wide, laid diagonally for floors and exterior walls

and each intersection well secured by two 6d nails.

SIDING AND ROOFING

Exterior walls shall be three quarter by ten-inch redwood siding, cut, fitted and placed with 8 inches exposed to the weather. Roof shall be asphalt 3-

in-1 shingles weighing not less than 210 lbs. per square.

PAPER AND FELT

Before placing siding, all exterior sheathing surface shall be covered with one course of approved waterproof building felt, weighing no less than 15

lbs. per square. This material shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2 inches at all edges, applied in double thickness around all windows and door openings.

Before placing asphalt shingles, the entire roof sheathing shall be covered with waterproof roofing felt weighing not less than 15 lbs. per square. This roof felt shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2 inches at all edges.

Before placing the finished flooring, all sub-flooring shall be covered with one course of building paper.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK Provide and install 16-ounce copper flashing for valleys and angles, chimney counter and step flashed. Provide gutters and downspouts (see plans) of 16 ounces copper with necessary fittings,

all securely supported by approved hangers and straps.

MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH Stock window frames and sash shall be provided of the sizes shown on the plans. These shall be double-hung type as indicated and sash shall be glazed with single-strength clear glass. The sash

shall be 1-3/8 inches thick, check-rail type. Exterior door frames shall be 2-inch clear pine rabbeted to receive 1-3/4-inch stock doors.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR

All stock trim necessary to complete the various parts of the work indicated shall be provided. All

casings, base, trim, stools and moulding shall be of yellow pine of the best quality and of approved design as carried in local stock. Exterior doors shall be clear pine 1-3/4 inches thick of the size shown on the plans as selected from local catalog stock. Interior doors shall be of clear pine, six panel colonial design 1-3/8 inches thick of the size indicated on the plans selected from local catalog stock.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of clear select red oak 2-1/4 inches x 13/16 inches, to be placed over all floor areas on the first and second floors, except

the bath and lavatory. Flooring shall be laid tight and even and nailed every 16 inches. All oak flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters.

BUILT-IN CABINETS

Built-in kitchen cabinets shall be provided as indicated on the plans.

BASEMENT STAIRS

Basement stairs shall be finished and erected as indicated on the plans. These stairways including stringers, treads and rail shall be of No. 1 yellow

pine.

FINISHED STAIRS

Stairs from first to second floor shall be furnished and erected as indicated on the plans properly supported on 2-inch x 8-inch carriages and blocking.

Risers shall be of pine B or better, $3/4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inches x 3 feet 6 inches; treads of red or white oak, $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches x 1-1/8 inches x 3 feet 6 inches. The rail shall be 2-1/4 inches x 2-3/8 inches. Rail, volute and easing shall be of birch or oak. Balusters with tapered turned necking shall be of birch or pine. The stair-railing shall be of colonial design, all as selected from local catalog stock.

PAINTING

Immediately upon completion of all exterior and interior woodwork the painter shall apply a priming coat consisting of white lead, pure linseed oil

and turpentine in the proportions considered best in local practice. Upon completion of the priming coat, all nail holes and other imperfections in the work shall be stopped and filled with white lead putty. Before priming, knots and shakes shall be stopped with one coat of pure orange shellac. Second and third coats shall be mixed and applied in the color selected. Painters may mix at the job all white lead and oil paint in the proportions customary in the locality, using paste, white lead, pure linseed oil, turpentine and dryer, mixed in such proportions as to weigh not less than 15 lbs. per gallon. Painter may use the best qualities of approved ready-mixed paints. Each can must bear the formula of its contents. Materials shall be used direct from this original package and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. (This contract does not contemplate the painting or decoration of plastered walls and ceilings.) Painter shall oil-stain oak floors in shade selected and fill with an approved paste filler. Floors shall then be finished with three coats of white shellac.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for one bathroom, one kitchen and one lavatory.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage. House sewer line of four inches shall be carried to a point 50 feet beyond foundation walls. Septic tank, drainage field, a connection to public sewer or municipal permits as may be required by local custom are not included. Vent and drainage system shall be installed and tested in accordance with best local practice, municipal code, or requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineers. All joints shall be filled with oakum and poured lead and well calked. Two-inch vent and waste lines shall be of genuine galvanized wrought iron. Four-inch vitrified tile pipe shall be continued beyond the foundation walls for 50 feet and the joints securely set with cement mortar. Plumber shall excavate and backfill all pipe trenches.

Water Supply. A pipe shall be continued 50 feet beyond the foundation walls in separate trench. This shall be laid using 3/4-inch copper water tubing with sweat-joint fittings. One-half inch copper tubing with sweat-joint pipe and fitting shall be installed for hot and cold water supply and connected with all plumbing fixtures and boiler. (Water closets and boiler shall be provided with cold-water supply only.) All pipe and fitting shall be installed in accordance with manufacturers'

instructions.

<u>Fixtures.</u> There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

60- inch Queen Sink #457

Two Knight Pedestal Lavatories 20 inches x 24 inches over all #224
Two Colonial Vitreous China toilets with white ivoryette seat #344
One 60-inch bath tub #123

Hot Water Supply. A domestic heater is not provided under these specifications. It will be provided under separate order on selection by the owner and cost of connecting and placing the device in operation shall be included under this original

plumbing contract.

Alternates. If local building codes and practice do not permit the use of copper tubing and sweat-joint fittings for water supply, the contractor shall furnish genuine wrought-iron galvanized pipe in place thereof. However, where substitution is made, pipe one size larger than specified shall be provided.

HEATING PLANT

The purpose of this specification is to describe complete installation of the 1-pipe vacuum heating plant. All pipes shall be genuine wrought iron,

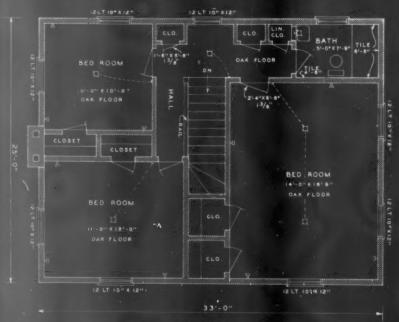
installed in sizes, pitch and direction as indicated on the heating plans and instructions provided by the manufacturer furnishing the vacuum system accessories.

Radiation. Radiation furnished by this contract consists of a total of 260 square feet. The boiler shall be of capacity and design equal to Red Flash No. 1S5, American Radiator Company #W-2204, complete including insulating jackets, standard

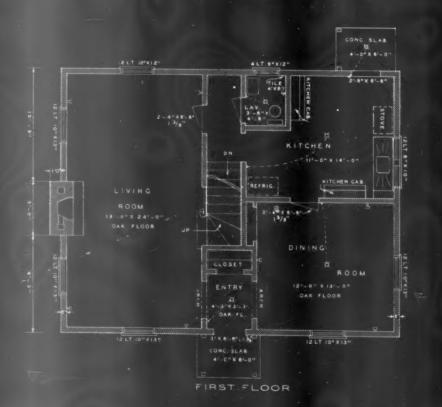
fittings and tools.

The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire first and second floors of the house to 70 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is at Zero Fahrenheit and wind velocity is not in excess of 30 miles per hour, with not less than a 6-hour firing period. This should be accomplished with not more than a 2-pound gauge pressure at the boiler, or with the vacuum at the height specified by the manufacturer of the vacuum system accessories. The plant shall be tested as required and left complete.

Covering - Pipe and Boiler Jacket. The boiler shall have standard insulated (cont. on page 12)



SECOND FLOOR



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COPPER FLASHING

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BASEMENT FLOOR

FRONT ELEVATION

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BUILDING COSTS OF A STANDARD SIX-ROOM FRAME HOUSE BUILT IN ST.LOUIS

(7) Plumbing: Soil pipes and connections, stack, water pipe and connections, lead calum and bathroom fixtures, water beater and tank to be furnished by others.

Group D.

(6) Electrical Work: Main switch, BX cable, switch boxes, receptacles, transformer,

etc. (b) preventives included.

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(11) Notics and Hardware: Common and wire nails, boits, damper, ash doors, finish hardware, ware, its and the lead, inseed oil, turpontine, varnish, shellac, filler.

(11) Maiscellaneous: Lath, corner bead, insulation.

Costs are grouped into four classifications of material, four of labor and one of overhead.

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studs, raters, bracing, etc. (4) Finished Lumber: Sub-flooring, sheathing, thished floors, asphalt shingle roofing, roofing felt, shutters, etc.
(5) Milwork. Windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinet, stairs.

(13) Total overhead, profit and other costs. This item includes overhead and profit of subcontractors in plastering, metal work, heating, plumbing, electrical work and tile work; general contractor is profit; and Missouri sales tax (row 2% on materials), old age and unemployment tax (Federal and State), libility and employees' compensation insurance, fire and tornado insurance, and completion bond. (12) Miscellaneous: Lath, corn Total Material and Labor Costs Group E.

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<u>Painting.</u> All exposed pipes in the basement as well as any exposed unfinished cast-iron parts of the boiler shall receive two coats of approved smoke-stack black. All radiators, and any exposed pipes above the first floor level shall be thoroughly cleaned and receive two coats of approved heat-resisting radiator paint in color selected.

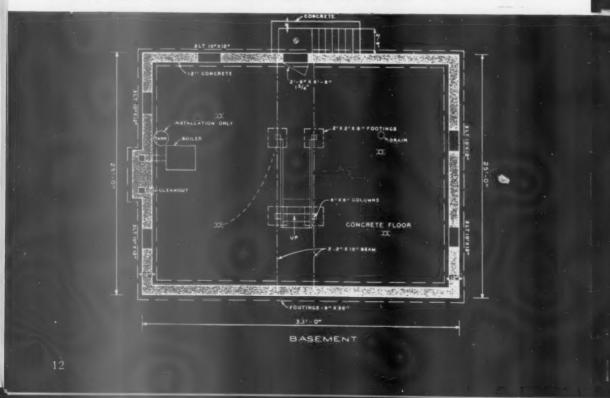
ELECTRIC WIRING

It is the purpose of this specification to describe a complete electrical installation. All material shall be of standard make and of quality and in-

stalled as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. All outlets shall terminate in approved metal boxes. Switches shall be of toggle type. All outlets other than for lighting fixtures and switches shall be equipped with standard duplex connections. Wiring to outlets shall be of approved-size BX cable of sufficient size to carry the circuit load.

Each circuit shall be switched and fused and extended to a central panel board. This contractor shall terminate all circuits at an appropriate meter and fuse board.

Connection from meter panel to public service lines is not included in this contract, nor are electrical fixtures and appliances provided.



"PERIMETER-AREA" METHOD OF ESTIMATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE

The reproduction cost of a two-story frame house, with specifications similar to the one discussed in the preceding pages, may be estimated by totaling the following three cost items:

- 1. Outside wall perimeter costs.
- 2. Fixed cost items.

3. Total interior floor area costs.

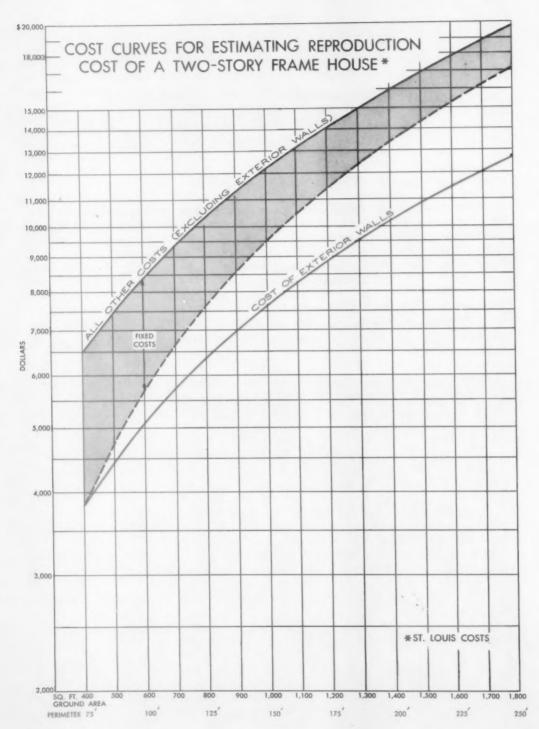
All outside wall perimeter costs are shown by the red line on the chart. This is done to take into account irregularly shaped houses or houses with large perimeters.

The fixed cost items consist of those items which will cost the same regardless of the size of the house. Included in this category are the costs of the fireplace and chimney, stairs, bathroom tile work, kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures, and medicine cabinet.

The remainder of the total cost of the house is based on the square feet of ground area covered, and is shown in combination with the fixed cost items by the solid blue line on the charts.

The chart on the back of this sheet is used in this manner. Assume a two-story frame house with 125 feet of perimeter and 900 square feet of ground area. The red line shows that the perimeter cost would be \$6,350, and the solid blue line shows that all other costs in this house with 900 square feet of ground area would be \$11,300. The total cost, therefore, would be \$17,650.

For a house with more than 1,000 square feet of ground area, a 10% factor should be added for better workmanship. Also, these larger houses will have extra bathroom or lavatories. To the fixed costs add \$750 for an extra full bath and \$400 for an extra lavatory.



FIVE ROOM BRICK VENEER HOUSE



Content: 24,910 cubic feet 1.165 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS - Same as 6-room frame house.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION - Same as 6-room frame house.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS - Same as 6-room frame house, with the following additions: Foundation walls to be 12-inch poured concrete.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK - Same as 6-room frame house.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS - The contractor shall provide all brickwork as specified in plans, comprising exterior veneer, a chimney, flues lined with terra cotta of proper dimensions, fireplace opening lined with firebrick equipped with cast iron throat and damper and steel smoke chamber. Cast iron ash dump and cleanout doors provided as indicated. Mantel is to be of venetian red mantel brick. Four-inch brick veneer is to be laid with weathered joints and with galvanized clips every seventh course. There is to be a one-inch air space between the brick veneer and the wood sheathing.

LATHING AND PLASTERING - Same as for 6-room frame house, except that there is no stucco.

INSULATION - Same as 6-room frame house (1st floor instead of 2nd floor ceiling).

TILING - This specification provides for tiling bathroom and kitchen. Floors shall be prepared by the carpenter and mason, and walls by plaster contractor as specified above. The tile setter shall furnish and install four and a quarter by four and a quarter glazed commercial-grade wall tile with approved caps, cove bases, angles, finials, etc., color to be selected by owner. Tile installed to a height of 3 feet 6 inches, to ceiling around tub in bathroom and to a height of 3 feet 6 inches in the kitchen.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL - Same as 6-room frame house.

PAPER AND FELT - Before laying veneer wall, all exterior sheathing surface shall be covered with one course of approved waterproof building felt, weighing no less than 15 lbs. per square. This material shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2 inches at all edges, applied in double thickness around all windows and door openings.

Before laying the finished floor there shall be one thickness of 15 lb. waterproof roofing felt placed over the sub-flooring. This material shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2 inches at all edges.

Before placing the finished flooring, all sub-flooring shall be covered with one course of building paper.

FLASHING AND SHEET METAL WORK - Same as 6-room frame house.
MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH - Same as 6-room frame house.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of clear select red oak 2-1/4 inches x 13/16 inches, to be placed over all floor areas except the bath. Flooring shall be

laid tight and even and nailed every 16 inches. All oak flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters.

BUILT-IN KITCHEN CABINETS - Same as 6-room frame house.

BASEMENT STAIRS - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED STAIRS - Same as 6-room frame house except no stair rail is required. PAINTING - Same as 6-room frame house.

PLUMBING - This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for one bathroom and one kitchen.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage - Same as 6-room frame house.

Water Supply. A pipe shall be continued 50 feet beyond the foundation walls in separate trench. This shall be laid using 3/4-inch copper water tubing with sweat-joint fittings. One-half inch copper tubing with sweat-joint pipe and fitting shall be installed for hot and cold water supply and connected with all plumbing fixtures and boiler. (Water closet shall be provided with cold-water supply only.) All pipe and fitting shall be installed in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

<u>Fixtures.</u> There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

60-inch Queen sink #457

One Knight Pedestal Lavatory 20 inches x 24 inches over all #224 One Colonial Vitreous China toilet with white ivoryette seat #344

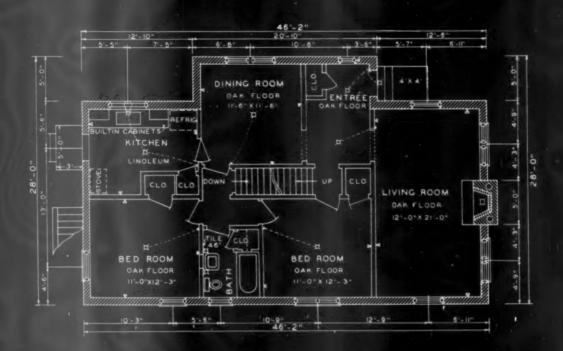
One 60-inch bath tub #123

Hot Water Supply - Same as 6-room frame house.

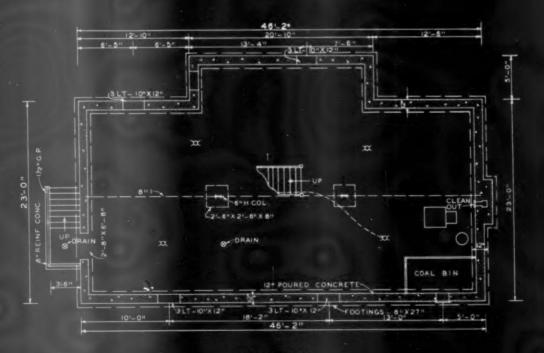
Alternates - Same as 6-room frame house.

HEATING PLANT - The contractor shall install one forced circulation combination furnace (24 inches) and blower with automatic humidifier complete with necessary leads and returns made of 26-gauge galvanized steel. The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire living quarters of the house (including present unfinished attic space) to 70 degrees F. when the outside temperature is 0 degrees F., and wind velocity not in excess of 30 miles per hour, with not less than a 6-hour firing period.

ELECTRIC WIRING - Same as 6-room frame house.



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

BRICK HOUSE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS

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(2) Tile Work: 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 wall tile, ceramic floor tile, cap and base.

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(4) Finished Lumber: Sub-flooring, sheathing, finished floors, asphalt shingle roofing, roofing felt, shutters, etc.

(5) Millwork: Windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinet, stairs. Group B (3) Unfinished Lumber: Columns, beams, floor and ceiling joists, interior and exterior

(7) Plumbing. Soil pipes and connections, stack, water pipe and connections, lead oakum and bathroom fixtures, water heater and lank to be furnished by others.

Group D.

(8) Sheet Metal: Galv, iron (present) gutters, downspouts, flashing.

(9) Electrical Work: Main switch, BX cable, switch boxes, receptacles, transformer, etc. No fixtures included: Common and wire nails, boils, damper, ash doors, finish hardware etc.

(10) Painting: White lead, inseed oil, turpentine, varnish, shellac, filler.

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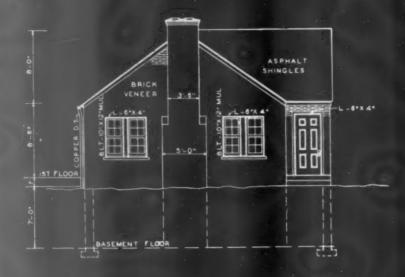
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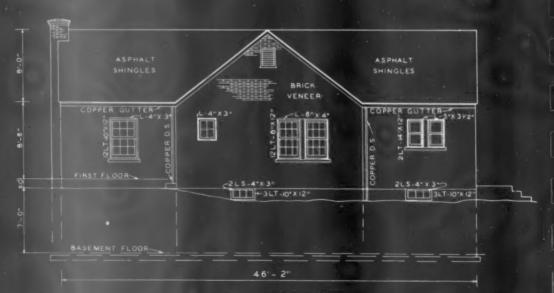
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FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION

"PERIMETER-AREA" METHOD OF ESTIMATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A ONE-STORY BRICK VENEER HOUSE

The reproduction cost of a one-story brick veneer house with specifications similar to the one discussed in the preceding pages, may be estimated by totaling the following three cost items:

- 1. Outside wall perimeter costs.
- 2. Fixed cost items.

3. Total interior floor area costs.

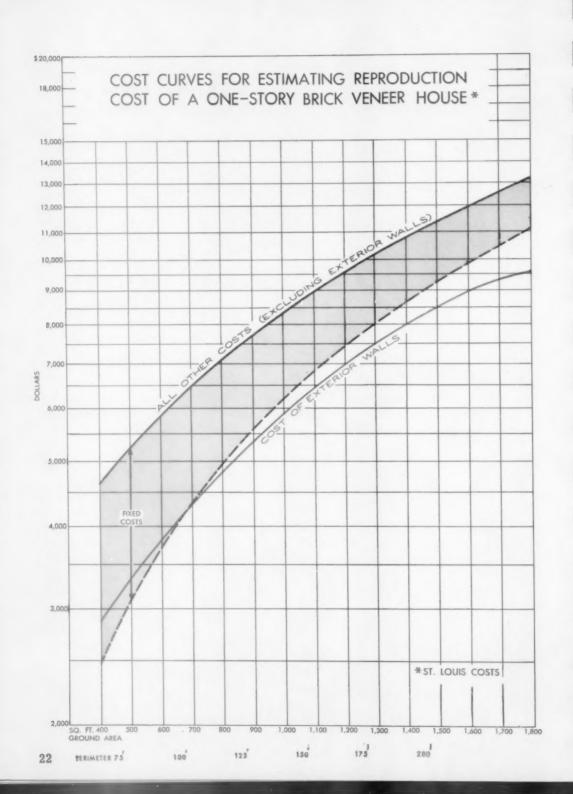
All outside wall perimeter costs are shown by the red line on the chart. This is done to take into account irregularly shaped houses or houses with large perimeters.

The fixed cost items consist of those items which will cost the same regardless of the size of the house. Included in this category are the costs of the fireplace and chimney, stairs, bathroom tile work, kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures, and medicine cabinet.

The remainder of the total cost of the house is based on the square feet of ground area covered, and is shown in combination with the fixed cost items by the solid blue line on the charts.

The chart on the back of this sheet is used in this manner. Assume a one-story brick veneer house with 150 feet of perimeter and 1,300 square feet of ground area. The red line shows that the perimeter cost would be \$5,850 and the solid blue line shows that all other costs in this house with 1,300 square feet of ground area would be \$10,200. The total cost, therefore, would be \$16,050.

For a house with more than 1,500 square feet of ground area, a 10% factor should be added for better workmanship. Also, these larger houses will have extra bathroom or lavatories. To the fixed costs add \$750 for an extra full bath and \$400 for an extra lavatory.



SIX-ROOM BRICK HOUSE



Content: 23, 100 cubic feet 1, 520 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE 'SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Materials, Labor, Appliances. Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, permits, light and power necessary for the completion of the Wenzlick standard six-room brick house. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be sound, new and of good quality and all work shall be done in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION

The contractor shall clear the site of all trees, brush, etc., which come within the area of the proposed building. He shall carefully remove and stack on the plot the top soil for making the lawn.

Excavation shall be of sufficient area and depth to accommodate the building indicated; foundation walls shall be carefully backfilled. Any surplus material not required to grade the plot as designated by plans shall be removed from the premises. Any shortage of materials shall be furnished by the contractor.

Rock excavation is not included in this contract. The contractor will be paid an additional price per cubic foot for rock removal as specified in his bid.

Pumping of other than surface water is not included in the contract price. If spring or other sub-surface water is encountered, the contractor will be paid an additional price per day for keeping the excavation free at the price quoted in his bid or agreed upon between the contractor and the owner.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS

Footings and foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5) parts broken stone,

trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of excavated material shall be used as a form.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK - Same as 6-room frame house (no lavatory). See August 1950 Appraisal Bulletin.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS The contractor shall provide all brickwork as specified on the plans, comprising the exterior walls of variegated matt brick backed with $5" \times 8" \times 12"$ hollow clay tile, chimney, as indicated, with

flues lined with terracotta of proper dimensions, fireplace opening lined with fire brick, equipped with cast-iron throat and damper and steel smoke chamber. Castiron ash dump and clean-out doors provided as indicated.

The brick for the exterior walls shall be laid in running bond with each fifth course a header course, and laid in cement mortar composed of one (1) part bulk lime, three (3) parts clean sharp sand to which may be added 10 per cent hydrated lime. Chimney exposed above the roof shall be laid with face brick. A chimney cap shall be provided as indicated on plans. Mantel shall be of venetian red mantel brick.

All interior walls and ceilings shall be covered with LATHING AND PLASTERING three coats of plaster. Plaster shall be applied directly to the inside surface (hollow tile) of the

exterior masonry walls. Interior stud partitions and ceilings shall be covered with three coats of plaster over rock lath (or expanded metal lath) secured to study (or joists) at each intersection with blued lath nail, corner beads provided for all exterior angles. The scratch coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to two (2) parts sand, with proper proportions of fiber and sand added. The brown coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to three (3) parts sand. The finished coat shall be one (1) part dry gauged plaster to two (2) parts dry hydrated lime. First grade workmanship is required in the application of each plaster coat. No cornice or other ornamental plaster work is contemplated under this contract.

Where tiled walls occur in the bathroom, the contractor shall cover with metal lath and cement mortar scratch.

INSULATION

Four inches of loose insulating material, rock wool or equal, shall cover entire area of second floor ceiling.

TILING

This specification provides for tiling bathroom floor and walls; the floor shall be prepared by the carpenter and mason, and the walls by plaster

contractor as specified above. The tile setter shall furnish and install 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 glazed commercial-grade wall tile with approved caps, cove bases, angles, etc.; color to be selected by owner. Tile installed to height of 3' 6" in the bathroom and to the ceiling around the bath tub. Bathroom floor shall be 1" or 2" hexagonal white ceramic tile. The contractor shall furnish all setting materials and on completion leave the entire work properly grouted and cleaned.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All material shall be of sizes indicated, with allowance

for milling. All joists, studs and rafters shall be spaced 16" c to c, and one line of cross bridging shall be provided for each floor span exceeding 10 feet.

UNDERFLOORING AND SHEATHING

Sheathing on roof and all sub-flooring shall be provided as indicated. Material shall be No. 2, dressed and not over 6" wide, laid diagonally for floors and each intersection well secured by two 6d nails.

ROOFING

Roof shall be asphalt 3-in-1 shingles, weighing not less than 210 lbs. per square.

PAPER AND FELT

Before placing asphalt shingles the roof surface shall be covered with one course of approved waterproof building felt weighing not less than 15

lbs. per square. Material to be well nailed and lapped at least 2" at all edges. Before placing the finished flooring all sub-flooring shall be covered with 1 course of building paper.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK - Same as 6-room frame house.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED FLOORS - Same as 6-room frame house.

BUILT-IN CABINETS - Built-in kitchen cabinets shall be provided as shown on plans.

BASEMENT STAIRS - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED STAIRS

Stairs from first to second floor shall be furnished and erected as indicated on the plans properly supported on 2" x 8" carriages and blocking. Risers shall be of pine B or better, $3/4 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3' 6"; treads of red or white oak, $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x

1-1/8" x 3' 6".

PAINTING - Same as 6-room frame house.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for one bathroom and one kitchen.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage - Same as 6-room frame house.

Water Supply - Same as 6-room frame house.

Fixtures. There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

60" Queen sink #457

One Knight pedestal lavatory 20" x 24" over all #224

One Colonial vitreous china toilet with white ivorvette seat #344

One 60" bath tub #123

Hot Water Supply - Same as 6-room frame house.

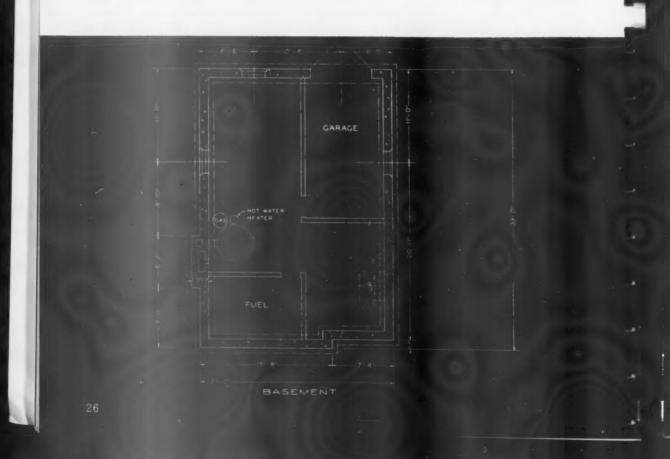
Alternates - Same as 6-room frame house.

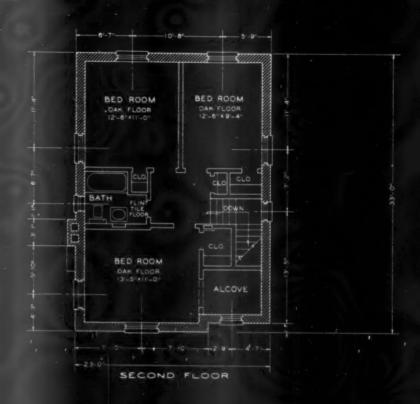
HEATING PLANT

The contractor shall install one forced circulation combination furnace (24") and blower with automatic humidifier complete with necessary leads

and returns made of 26-gauge galvanized steel. The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire living quarters of the house to 70 degrees F. when the outside temperature is 0 degrees F. and the wind velocity not in excess of 30 miles per hour, with not less than a 6-hour firing period.

ELECTRIC WIRING - Same as 6-room frame house.







MATERIAL

- LABOR

OVERHEAD

- 1. Comet of face brick, salmon brick, backing tile, fine liming and building stone.

 2. Cost of all materials going into mortar, concrete, cement and plaster.

 3. Cost of all tumber, flooring, millwork, roofing and paint.

 4. Cost of all materials for plumbing, heating, hardware, tiling and accessories.

 5. TOTAL MATERIAL COST.
- Cost of setting all stone, laying brick and pour-
- ing concrete.

 Cost of labor on lathing and plastering.

 Cost of carpentry, roofing, flooring, painting and builder's general supervision.

 Cost of installing plumbing material and fix-tures, wiring, heating plant and sheet metal work.
 - Cost of excavation, grading and landscaping.
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RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION

CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW



Content: 12, 119 cubic feet 992 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Materials, Labor, Appliances. Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, permits, light and power necessary for the completion of the Wenzlick California bungalow. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be sound, new and of good quality and all work shall be done in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION

The contractor shall clear the site of all trees, brush, etc., which come within the area of the building. Excavation shall be of sufficient depth to carry the footings below the frost line.

Rock excavation is not included in this contract. The contractor will be paid an additional price per cubic foot for rock removal as specified in his bid.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS

Footings shall be 6" x 12" poured concrete and foundation walls shall be 6" poured concrete as indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp

sand, five (5) parts broken stone, trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of walls. No part of excavated material shall be used as a form.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK

Concrete entrance slabs and a slab for the future garage shall be 4" poured concrete. A smooth finish coat of one (1) part Portland Cement and

two (2) parts sharp clean sand shall be applied to a thickness of not less than one-half inch to the top surface of entrance slabs and the slab for the future garage. Concrete filling shall be provided for tile floor in the bathroom.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS The contractor shall provide all brickwork as specified on the plans, comprising chimney, flues lined with flue lining of proper dimensions, fire-place opening lined with fire brick, equipped with

cast-iron throat. Outer face of fireplace is to be venetian red mantel brick. Cement mortar shall be composed of one (1) part bulk lime, three (3) parts clean sharp sand to which shall be added 10% Portland Cement. A chimney cap shall be provided as indicated on the plans.

STUCCO

The surface of the outer walls shall be covered with three (3) coats of one to three (1 to 3) Portland Cement stucco over metal lath. The third coat shall

be tinted, color to be selected by the owner.

LATHING AND PLASTERING - Same as 6-room frame house.

INSULATION

Four inches of loose insulating material, rock wool or equal, shall cover entire area of the ceiling.

TILING

This specification provides for tiling bathroom floor and walls; the floor shall be prepared by the carpenter and mason, and the walls by plaster

contractor as specified above. The tile setter shall furnish and install 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 glazed commercial-grade wall tile with approved caps, cove bases, angles, etc.; color to be selected by owner. Tile installed to height of 3' 6" in the bathroom and to the ceiling around the bath tub. Bathroom floor shall be 1" or 2" hexagonal white ceramic tile.

The contractor shall furnish all setting materials and on completion leave the entire work properly grouted and cleaned.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All material shall be of sizes indicated, with allow-

ance for milling.

Floor Joists 2" x 6" - spaced 16" c to c Ceiling Joists 2" x 4" - spaced 16" c to c Roof Rafters 2" x 4" - spaced 16" c to c Studding in exterior walls and interior partitions 2" x 4" - spaced 16" c to c

One line of $2" \times 3"$ cross bridging shall be provided for each joist span over 8". Framing shall be in accordance with best practice. The entire structure shall be braced and trussed where necessary and securely nailed as required by best practice. Floor joists shall be supported by three 4×6 girders resting on fourteen 4×4 posts supported by concrete piers as indicated on plans. Sheathing on roof and all sub-flooring shall be provided as indicated. Material shall be number two (No. 2), 1×6 or 1×8 boards laid diagonally for floors, and each intersection well secured by two 6d nails.

PAPER AND FELT

Before placing exterior metal lath all exterior surface shall be covered with one course of approved waterproof building paper. This material

shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2" at all edges, applied in double thickness along all window and door openings.

Before placing asphalt shingles, the entire roof sheathing shall be covered with waterproof roofing felt weighing not less than 15 lbs. per square. This roof felt shall be well nailed and lapped not less than 2" at all edges.

Before placing the finished flooring, all sub-flooring shall be covered with one course of 15-lb. waterproofed roofing felt well nailed and lapped not less than 2^{n} at all edges.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK Provide and install 16-ounce copper flashing for valleys and angles, chimney counter and step flashed. Provide gutter and downspout (see plans) of 16-ounce copper with necessary fittings, all se-

curely supported by approved hangers and straps.

MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH Stock window frames and sash shall be provided of the sizes shown on the plans. These shall be double-hung type as indicated, with the exception of two stationary plate glass windows. Sash shall

be glazed with double-strength clear glass provided completely with jam-proof (Stanley or equal) pulleys, weights and sash cord. The sash shall be 1-3/8" thick, check-rail type. Exterior door frames shall be 2" clear pine rabbeted to receive 1-3/4" stock doors. Two (2) suitable attic ventilators shall be installed as shown on plans.

INTERIOR MILLWORK - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of clear select red oak 2-1/4" x 13/16", to be placed over all floor areas except the bath. Flooring shall be laid tight and

even and nailed every 16". All oak flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters.

CABINETS

Built-in kitchen cabinets shall be provided as indicated in the plans.

PAINTING - Same as 6-room frame house.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for one bathroom and one kitchen.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage - Same as 6-room frame house.

Water Supply - Same as 6-room frame house.

<u>Fixtures</u>. There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in Crane or Kohler catalogues, or approved by the owner. They shall include one pedestal lavatory, one vitreous china toilet, one 60" bath tub with shower. (Sink provided for in <u>Cabinets</u>.)

Hot Water Supply. A domestic heater is not provided under these specifications. It will be provided under separate order on selection by the owner and cost of connecting and placing the device in operation shall be included under this original plumbing contract.

<u>Alternates.</u> If local building codes and practice do not permit the use of copper tubing and sweat-joint fitting for water supply, the contractor shall furnish genuine wrought-iron galvanized pipe in place thereof. However, where substitutions are made, pipe one size larger than specified shall be provided.

HEATING PLANT

Heating plant shall be dual gas floor furnace of sufficient size to keep the entire house heated to 70 degrees F. when the outside temperature is 0

degrees F. and the wind velocity not in excess of 30 miles per hour. Installation shall be as indicated on the plans.

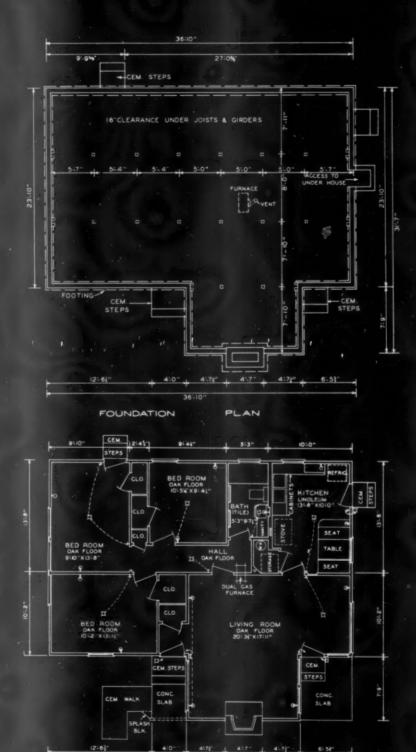
ELECTRIC WIRING

It is the purpose of this specification to describe a complete electrical installation. All material shall be of standard make and of quality and installed as

required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. All outlets shall terminate in approved metal boxes. Switches shall be of toggle type. All outlets other than for lighting fixtures and switches shall be equipped with standard duplex connections. Wiring to outlets shall be of approved-size BX cable of sufficient size to carry the circuit load.

Each circuit shall be switched and fused and extended to a central panel board. This contractor shall terminate all circuits at an appropriate meter and fuse board.

Connection from meter panel to public service lines is not included in this contract, nor are electrical fixtures and appliances provided.



PLAN

FLOOR

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BUILDING COSTS OF A CALIFORNIA TYPE BUNGALOW BUILT IN SAINT LOUIS

Coests are grouped into four classifications of material, four of labor and one of overhead. A Auther breakdown of these groups is given in death below. Columns of the table are numbered, and a brief description of the items included in each is given in the paragraphs below. Faragraphs are numbered to correspond with the columns described. Building material cooks are indicated by the letter <u>18</u>; corresponding <u>labor</u> items are shown in Column 10, <u>Building Hardware</u>, as they have siready been included in Column 5, <u>Milkwork</u>.

Group A. (1) Masonry: Cement, sand, gravel, quick lime, hydrated lime, hard wall plaster, face and common brick, fire brick, fine liming.
(2) Tile Work: 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 wall tile, ceramic floor tile, cap and base.

(3) Unfinished Lumber: Columns, beams, floor and celling joists, interior and exterior

studs, rafters, bracing, etc.
(4) Finland Lumber: 30b-flooring, sheathing, finished floors, asphalt shingle roofing, roofing felt, shuters, etc.
(5) Millwork: Windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinet, stairs.

(7) Plumbing: Soil pipes and connections, stack, water pipe and connections, lead cakum and bathroom fixtures, water heater and tank to be furnished by others.

(6) Escet Metal: Galv. iron (present) guiters, downspouts, flashing.
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(7) Escetical Work: Main switch, BX cable, switch boxes, receptacles, transformer, etc. No flatures included.
(10) Nails and Hardware: Common and wire nails, bolts, damper, ash doors, finish hardware, etc.
(11) Nails and Hardware: Common and wire nails, bolts, damper, ash floors, finish hardware, etc.
(12) Miscellancous: Lath, corner bead, insulation.

Total Material and Labor Costs
Group E.

(13) Total overhead, profit and other costs. This item includes overhead and profit of subcontractors in plastering, metal work, heating, plumbing, electrical work and tile subcontractors in plastering, metal work, heating, plumbing, electrical work and tile autoemployment are (Federal and State), liability and employees' compensation in surance, free and tornado insurance, and completion bond.

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"PERIMETER-AREA" METHOD OF ESTIMATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A CALIFORNIA-TYPE BUNGALOW

The reproduction cost of a California-type bungalow with specifications similar to the one discussed in the preceding pages, may be estimated by totaling the following three cost items:

- 1. Outside wall perimeter costs.
- 2. Fixed cost items.
- 3. Total interior floor area costs.

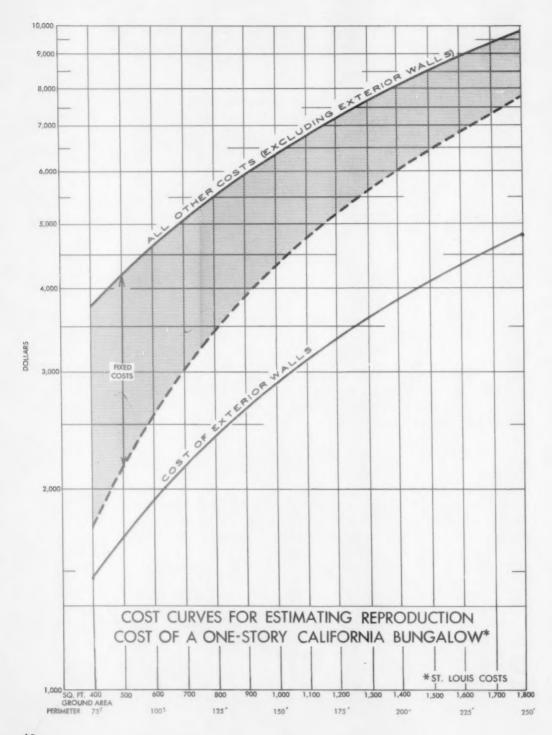
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The fixed cost items consist of those items which will cost the same regardless of the size of the house. Included in this category are the costs of the fireplace and chimney, stairs, bathroom tile work, kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures, and medicine cabinet.

The remainder of the total cost of the house is based on the square feet of ground area covered, and is shown in combination with the fixed cost items by the solid blue line on the charts.

The chart on the back of this sheet is used in this manner. Assume a California-type bungalow with 175 feet of perimeter and 1,300 square feet of ground area. The red line shows that the perimeter cost would be \$3,350 and the solid blue line shows that all other costs in this house with 1,300 square feet of ground area would be \$7,700. The total cost, therefore, would be \$11,050.

For a house with more than 1,500 square feet of ground area, a 10% factor should be added for better workmanship. Also, these larger houses will have extra bathroom or lavatories. To the fixed costs add \$750 for an extra full bath and \$400 for an extra lavatory.



CONTEMPORARY FRAME RANCH

HE one-story frame house is undoubtedly the most popular house in the country, and has been for a long time. If there is any such thing as a basic house, it is probably a one-story frame. In the last 15 years, and particularly since the end of the war, the architectural and construction techniques applied to frame residences have brought forth widely varied results.

Probably the result that has pleased the greatest number of home buyers in the postwar period is the basementless house with the open floor plan and sweeping roof line. Dry wall construction is another characteristic frequently found in this type of house. More often than not, these houses are built as semi-prefabs and in numbers sufficient to allow the application of other mass production techniques. One very widely publicized house of this type is the Home Builders' "Trade Secrets Home," recently featured in LIFE and HOUSE AND HOME Magazines.

The house discussed in this bulletin is usually built in volume and as a semi-prefab. It was designed by Ralph Fournier of Modular Homes, Inc., and Burton W. Duenke of the Burton W. Duenke Building Company. Most of these houses have been erected by Duenke. A good portion of the house is prefabricated by Modular Homes, Inc., which delivers the "packaged" houses to Duenke for erection in one of his several subdivisions. This house was chosen as a Five-Star Home by BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS, and its pictures and floor plans appeared in a recent article in that magazine.

The costs shown here by no means represent the usual <u>selling</u> price of this type house. There are numerous items usually included by the builder in his package that we have omitted. We have done this for two reasons:

- 1. In order to make the construction costs of this house comparable with the costs of other Wenzlick Standard Houses, we have omitted such items as stoves, refrigerators, washers and other appliances. Neither do we include such items as Venetian blinds and lighting fixtures. These items are, for the most part, not really items of construction cost, and have never been included in the costs of the other Wenzlick Standard Houses.
- 2. There are many items that vary widely in cost, not only from one part of the country to another, but within the same area. Moreover, some of these items can hardly be considered as items of construction cost of the house. In this class are the lot, land-scaping, grading, planting, sodding, walks, drives, curbs, sewers, streets and other subdivision costs, surveys, architect's fees and sales commissions. We have, therefore, omitted from our estimate these items that vary widely in cost, or which are not strictly construction cost items.

Modular Homes, Inc., of St. Louis County, has furnished us with the plans and specifications of the house. Since our cost estimates are based on conventional construction, we have altered the specifications (slightly) to meet the requirements of a conventional builder.



FRAME RANCH HOUSE

Content: 12, 285 cubic feet 1.170 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

EXCAVATION

Excavation for foundation wall and grade beam should be to a minimum of 30". Where excavation does not reach virgin clay, piers 6' 4" on center should be dug to solid ground (no piers included in cost figures).

FOUNDATION WALLS

Foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, two (2) parts clean

sharp sand, four (4) parts broken stone, trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen. The foundation may be done in two pours, the first up to grade level, and the second to complete the wall as shown in the drawings. The two pours should be tied together with 5/8" rods, as necessary. Bolts to hold plates should be $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10", and set about 6" on center. Plates should be set in asphalt plastic cement to provide a weather seal and termite protection. Grade beam should be poured as shown on drawings.

FLOOR SLAB

The floor slab is 4" concrete 1-2-4 mixture with a trowel finish and with 6 x 6 x 10 reinforcing mesh. The fill under the slab is 6" of gravel,

and the under-slab waterproofing is Sisalkraft. Two-inch glass insulation bats, 30" long, are laid beneath perimeter of the floor slab as shown on drawings.

Furnace chimney base is precast perlite and flue is 8" round terra cotta. It is held in place by reinforcing rods which go through the rafters.

FIREPLACE

The fireplace is built of stone and lined with firebrick. The chimney is built of concrete block and faced with stone veneer. The chimney flue

liner is to be 10" terra cotta. A 30" steel damper is to be installed.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice (may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock). All material shall be of sizes indicated, with allow-

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The entire structure shall be braced and trussed where necessary, and securely nailed as required by best practice.

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Exterior siding is V-joint redwood 7/8" thick and from 8" to 12" wide. Siding is nailed with an extra long tongue to assure tight joints.

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GUTTERS AND	in the plans. Spouting headers and downspouts
DOWNSPOUTS	are 3" x 4" rectangular shaped, and are to be made from 26-gauge galvanized iron.

DOORS, WINDOWS	Interior doors are to be slab-type, 1-3/8" thick, with a birch finish. The main entrance door is
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of 1-3/4" white ponderosa pine. All door jambs and door frames are redwood. Trim is to be box-type, $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" striated redwood. Window frames are redwood, and the sliding windows are aluminum. Windows are set in calking. The small fixed glass windows are to be double-strength, and the large fixed glass windows are crystal sheet. Window trim is also box-type, $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" striated redwood. Full screens are to be provided for the aluminum sliding windows. All exterior millwork is redwood.

Finished floors are 1/8" asphalt tile in all rooms.

BUILT-IN CABINETS

Kitchen cabinets are of natural finish birch. There are to be 30 lineal feet of shelves, 13" wide. Counter top of kitchen cabinets is formi-

ca, and there is to be an 18" formica back splash. The medicine cabinet is to be made of steel, with a plate glass mirror, and shelves are to be installed in the linen closet. Book shelves and telephone cabinet are mill made. The storage wall closets are equipped with sliding doors.

TILE WORK

Ceramic tile $(4-1/4" \times 4-1/4")$ wainscoting is to be provided in the bathroom. The tile is to be set in mastic to a height of $45\frac{1}{2}"$ except above the

tub. The height above the tub is to be 60".

INTERIOR WALLS AND CEILINGS Interior walls and ceilings are to be covered with dry wall material $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. The joints are to be given the standard three-coat cement and tape treatment, and thoroughly sanded.

PAINTING

Immediately upon completion of all exterior and interior woodwork, and exterior siding, the painter shall apply priming coat consisting of

white lead, pure linseed oil and turpentine, blended in proportions considered best in local practice. Upon completion of the priming coat, all nail holes and other imperfections in the wood shall be stopped and filled with white lead putty. Second and third coats shall also consist of white lead, pure linseed oil and turpentine, and may be mixed and applied in the color selected. Interior walls and ceilings are to be given one coat of a sand-finish rubber-base paint, the colors to be selected by the owner.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for one bathroom and one kitchen, and lead-in and

drainage lines for the installation of a water heater and washing machine.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage. House sewer line of 4" shall be carried to a point 50' beyond foundation walls. Septic tank, drainage field, a connection to public sewer or municipal permits as may be required by local custom are not included. Vent and drainage system shall be installed and tested in accordance with best local practice, municipal code, or requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineers. All joints shall be filled with oakum and poured lead and well calked. Two-inch vent and waste lines shall be continued beyond the foundation walls for 50' and the joints securely set with cement mortar. Plumber shall excavate and backfill all pipe trenches.

Water Supply. A pipe shall be continued 50' beyond the foundation walls in separate trench. This shall be laid using 3/4" copper water tubing with sweat-joint fittings. One-half inch copper tubing with sweat-joint pipe and fitting shall be installed for hot and cold water supply and connected with all plumbing fixtures.

All pipe and fitting shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

<u>Fixtures</u>. There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list:

- 1 single bowl kitchen sink set in formica top
- 1 lavatory with formica top and metal base cabinet for the bath
- 1 vitreous china water closet
- 1 bathtub equipped with shower and standard rod

Hot Water Supply. A domestic heater is not provided under these specifications. It will be provided under separate order on selection by the owner, and cost of connecting and placing the device in operation shall be included under this original plumbing contract.

Alternates. If local building codes and practice do not permit the use of copper tubing and sweat-joint fittings for water supply, the contractor shall furnish genuine wrought-iron galvanized pipe in place thereof. However, where substitution is made, pipe one size larger than specified shall be provided.

HEATING PLANT

The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire house to 70° Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is at zero, and the wind

velocity is not in excess of 30 miles an hour, with not less than a 6-hour firing period. It is recommended that a furnace with 90,000 B.T.U. input be installed, and that it shall be a forced warm air furnace manufactured by the American Furnace Company or equal. Heating ducts are to be 26-gauge galvanized iron.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

110-volt and 220-volt lines shall be run to the house. There are to be four 110-volt circuits. All material shall be of standard make and of

quality and installed as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. All outlets shall terminate in approved metal boxes, and switches shall be of toggle type. All outlets other than for lighting fixtures and switches shall be equipped with standard duplex connections. Wiring to outlets shall be of approved size BX or Romex cable of sufficient size to carry the circuit load. Each of the four circuits shall be switched and fused and extended to a central panel board, and shall terminate at an appropriate meter and fuse box. Connection from meter panel to public service lines is not included in this contract, nor are electrical fixtures and appliances provided.

INSULATION

bats, rock wool or equal.

4" of loose insulating material, rock wool or equal, shall cover the entire area of the ceiling. All exterior walls shall be insulated with 4"

CARPORT

Carport framing shall be similar to that of the house. The storage space is to be unfinished inside, but is equipped with four batten doors.

BUILDING COSTS OF A FRAME RANCH HOUSE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS (WITH PLASTERED WALLS)

Costs are grouped into four classifications of material, four of labor, and one of overhead.

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BUILDING COSTS OF A FRAME RANCH HOUSE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS (DRY WALL CONSTRUCTION)

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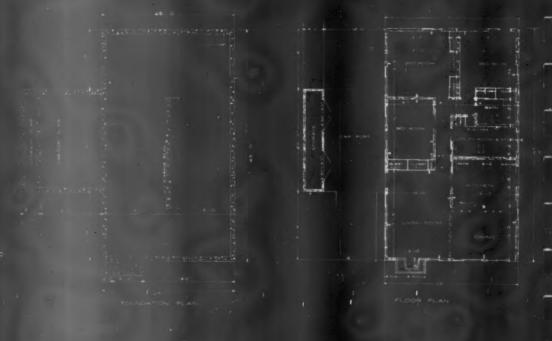
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FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION

"PERIMETER-AREA" METHOD OF ESTIMATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A CONTEMPORARY FRAME RANCH HOUSE

The reproduction cost of a frame ranch house with specifications similar to the one discussed in the preceding pages, may be estimated by totaling the following three cost items:

- 1. Outside wall perimeter costs.
- 2. Fixed cost items.
- 3. Total interior floor area costs.

All outside wall perimeter costs are shown by the red line on the chart. This is done to take into account irregularly shaped houses or houses with large perimeters.

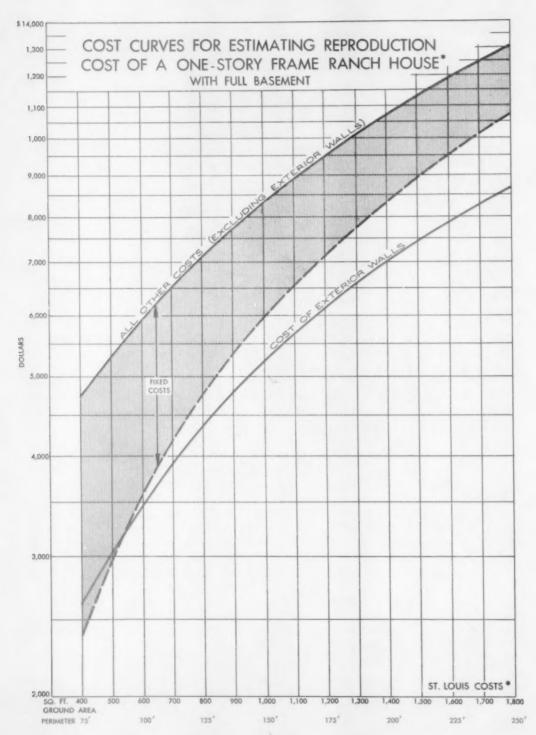
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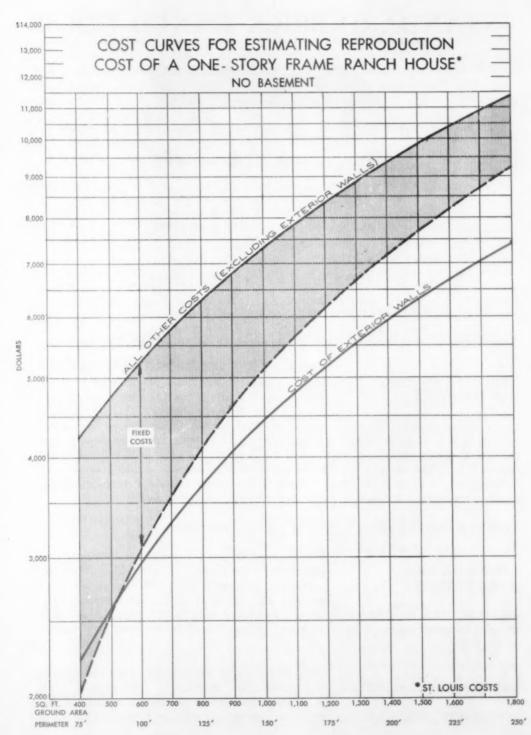
The remainder of the total cost of the house is based on the square feet of ground area covered, and is shown in combination with the fixed cost items by the solid blue line on the charts.

There are two charts for the frame ranch house. The first shows the cost curves for estimating the cost of a frame ranch house with a basement, while the second shows the cost curves for a frame ranch house without a basement.

The charts following are used in this manner. Assume a frame ranch house with full basement with 150 feet of perimeter and 1, 200 square feet of ground area. The red line shows that the perimeter cost would be \$5,000, and the solid blue line shows that all other costs in this house with 1,200 square feet of ground area would be \$9,500. The total cost, therefore, would be \$14,500.

For a house with more than 1,500 square feet of ground area, a 10% factor should be added for better workmanship. Also, these larger houses will have extra bathroom or lavatories. To the fixed costs add \$750 for an extra full bath and \$400 for an extra lavatory.





STANDARD BRICK RANCH HOUSE



Content: 16,250 cubic feet 840 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS - Same as 6-room frame house.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION - Same as 6-room frame house.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS Foundation walls shall be installed to a thickness of 8". Footings are to be 1' 4" wide by 8" thick. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5)

parts broken stone, trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2-inch screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Ready-mix concrete of these proportions may be used. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of excavated material shall be used as a form.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK - Same as 6-room frame house.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS

The contractor shall provide all brickwork as specified on the plans. The brick shall be laid in running bond with each fifth course a header course, and laid in cement mortar composed of

one (1) part bulk lime, three (3) parts clean sharp sand to which may be added 10 percent hydrated lime. A "metalbestos" chimney shall be provided as indicated on the plans.

LATHING AND PLASTERING with three coats of plaster. The plaster shall be applied directly to the inside surface of the exterior brick walls. Interior partitions and ceiling shall be covered with three

coats of plaster over rock lath (or expanded metal lath) secured to studs (or joists) at each intersection with blued lath nails. Corner beads shall be provided for all exterior angles. The scratch coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to three (3) parts sand. The finished coat shall be dry gauged plaster to two (2) parts dry hydrated lime. First grade workmanship is required in the application of each plaster coat. No cornice or ornamental plaster work is contemplated under this contract.

Where tile walls occur in the bathroom and kitchen, the contractor shall cover with metal lath and cement mortar scratch.

INSULATION

Four inches of loose insulating material, rock wool or equal, shall cover entire area of the ceiling.

TILING

This specification provides for tiling the bathroom floor and walls, and kitchen wainscot. The floor shall be prepared by the carpenter and ma-

son, and the walls by plastering contractor as specified above. The tile setter shall furnish and install 4-1/4" x 4-1/4" glazed commercial-grade wall tile with approved caps, bases, angles, etc., color to be selected by owner. Tile to be installed to a height of 3' 6" in the kitchen and bathroom and to ceiling of the bathroom around the tub. The bathroom floor shall be 1" or 2" hexagonal white ceramic tile. The contractor shall furnish all setting materials and on completion leave the entire work properly grouted and cleaned.

ROUGH CARPENTRY
AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All materials shall be of sizes indicated, with allow-

ance for milling. All joists, studs and rafters shall be spaced 16 inches c to c, and one line of cross bridging shall be provided for each floor span exceeding 10 feet.

UNDER FLOORING AND SHEATHING

PAPER AND FELT

Sheathing on roof and all subflooring shall be provided as indicated. Material shall be No. 2 dressed and not over 6 inches wide, laid diagonally for floors and each intersection well secured

by two 6d nails.

The roof shall be asphalt 3-in-1 shingles weighing not less than 210 lbs. per square.

ROOFING

Before placing asphalt shingles, the roof surface shall be covered with one course of approved waterproof building felt, weighing not

less than 15 lbs. per square, materials to be well nailed and lapped at least 2" at all edges.

Before placing the finished flooring, all subflooring shall be covered with one course of building paper.

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FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK - Same as 6-room frame house.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR - Same as 6-room frame house.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of clear select red oak, 2-1/4" x 13/16", to be placed over all the floor area except in the bath. The flooring shall be

laid tight and even and nailed every 26 inches. All flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters.

BUILT-IN CABINETS

Built-inkitchen cabinets shall be provided as indicated on the plans.

BASEMENT STAIRS

Basement stairs shall be finished and erected as indicated on the plans. This stairway, including stringers, treads and rails, shall be of No. 1

yellow pine.

PAINTING

This contract does not contemplate the painting or decorating of the plastered walls and ceilings. All exterior woodwork shall receive a

prime coat consisting of white lead, pure linseed oil and turpentine in the proportions considered best in local practice, or one (1) coat of ready-mixed primer as selected by the owner. Upon completion of the priming coat, all nail holes and all other imperfections in the work shall be stopped and filled with white lead putty. Second and third coats shall be mixed and applied in the color selected. All interior woodwork with the exception of the doors is to receive one (1) prime coat and two (2) coats of semi-gloss enamel in a color to be selected by the owner. The painter shall oil stain and varnish all doors, each interior door to receive two (2) coats of varnish, and the exterior doors to receive three (3) coats of varnish. The painter shall also oil stain oak floors in the shade selected and fill with an approved paste filler. The floors shall then be finished with three (3) coats of white shellac.

PLUMBING

Same as 6-room frame house, except no lavatory is provided in the specifications. The specifications cover the installation of three (3)

bathroom fixtures and a kitchen sink.

HEATING PLANT

The contractor shall install one (1) forced circulation, combination furnace (24 inches) and blower with automatic humidifier, complete with

necessary leads and returns made of 26-gauge galvanized steel. The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire living quarters of the house to 70 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is at Zero Fahrenheit and the wind velocity not in excess of 30 miles per hour, with not less than a 6-hour firing period. The furnace is to be fired by an oil or gas burner as selected by the owner.





RONT ELEVATION C-I

BUILDING COSTS OF A STANDARD BRICK RANCH HOUSE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS

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Group B.

(3) Unfinhed Lumber: Columns, beans, floor and celling joints, interior studs, rafters, bracking, sic.

(4) Finhed Lumber: Subflooring, fluished floors, asphalt shingle roof and roofing materials.

(5) Millwork: Windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinets.

Group C.

(6) Beating: Forced warm air furnace with automatic humidifier and necessary duct work, oil or gas fired.

(7) Plumbing: Soil pipes and connections, stack, water pipe and connections, lead, oakum and bathroom fixtures; water heater and bank to be furnished by others.

Group 3.

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"PERIMETER-AREA" METHOD OF ESTIMATING CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A STANDARD BRICK RANCH HOUSE

The reproduction cost of a brick ranch house with specifications similar to the one discussed in the preceding pages, may be estimated by totaling the following three cost items:

- 1. Outside wall perimeter costs.
- 2. Fixed cost items.
- 3. Total interior floor area costs.

All outside wall perimeter costs are shown by the red line on the chart. This is done to take into account irregularly shaped houses or houses with large perimeters.

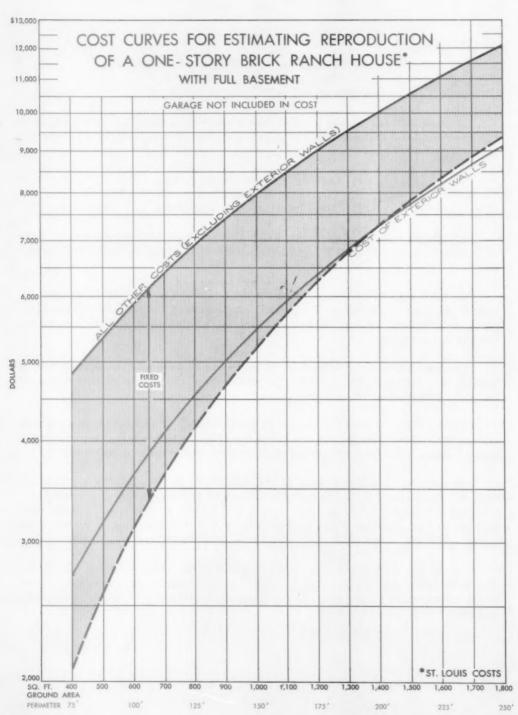
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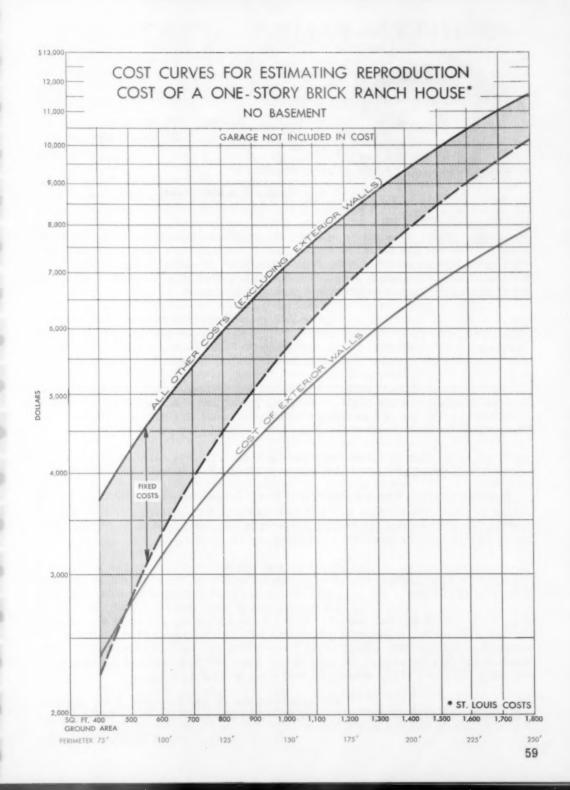
The remainder of the total cost of the house is based on the square feet of ground area covered, and is shown in combination with the fixed cost items by the solid blue line on the charts.

There are two charts for the brick ranch house. The first shows the cost curves for estimating the cost of a brick ranch house with a basement, while the second shows the cost curves for a brick ranch house without a basement.

The charts following are used in this manner. Assume a brick ranch house with full basement with 120 feet of perimeter and 875 square feet of ground area. The red line shows that the perimeter cost would be \$4,300 and the solid blue line shows that all other costs in this house with 875 square feet of ground area would be \$7,300. The total cost, therefore, would be \$11,600.

For a house with more than 1,200 square feet of ground area, a 10% factor should be added for better workmanship. Also, these larger houses will have extra bathroom or lavatories. To the fixed costs add \$750 for an extra full bath and \$400 for an extra lavatory.





EIGHTEEN- FAMILY APARTMENT



Content: 168, 385 cubic feet 13, 260 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Materials, Labor, Appliances. Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, permits, light and power necessary for the completion of the Wenzlick 18-family apartment. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be sound, new and of good quality and all work shall be done in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION

The contractor shall clear the site of all trees, brush, etc., which come within the area of the proposed building. He shall carefully remove and stack on the plot the top soil for making the lawn.

Excavation shall be of sufficient area and depth to accommodate the building indicated; foundation walls shall be carefully backfilled. Any surplus material not required to grade the plot as designated by plans shall be removed from the premises. Any shortage of materials shall be furnished by the contractor.

Rock excavation is not included in this contract. The contractor will be paid an additional price per cubic foot for rock removal as specified in his bid.

Pumping of other than surface water is not included in the contract price. If spring or other sub-surface water is encountered, the contractor will be paid an additional price per day for keeping the excavation free at the price quoted in his bid or agreed upon between the contractor and the owner.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATIONS

Footings and foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5) parts broken stone,

trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of the excavation wall shall be used as a form.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK

The under-course of the basement floor shall be poured over a well-tamped 3" cinder bed and shall

be composed of concrete as specified above, laid so that there is a gradual fall from the foundation to the basement sewer drain. This concrete is to be 3" thick, plus a finish coat of one (1) part Portland Cement and three (3) parts clean sharp sand to be applied to a thickness of not less than one-half inch on top of all concrete under-courses, finished smooth under a steel trowel. Concrete fill shall be provided for tile floors in the bathrooms.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS

Exterior walls are to be 13" variegated matt brick laid in Flemish bond backed with dobies and salmon brick. Rear walls of building are to be faced with common brick and the fire walls are to be made of

salmon brick and dobies. The contractor shall provide all brickwork as specified on the plans, comprising a chimney as indicated. Flues are to be lined with terra cotta of the proper dimension. Average-grade cut stone sills are to be provided for windows on the front and side of the building and stone lintels are to be provided over the basement windows. Ornamental work and roof coping to be of terra cotta.

Contractor shall provide for 3-coat plastering over LATHING AND PLASTERING rock lath (or expanded metal lath) secured to studs (or joints) at each intersection with blued lath nail.

corner beads provided for all exterior angles. The scratch coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to two (2) parts sand, with proper proportions of fiber and sand added. The brown coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to three (3) parts sand. The finished coat shall be one (1) part dry gauged plaster to two (2) parts dry hydrated lime. First grade workmanship is required in the application of each plaster coat. No cornice or other ornamental plaster work is contemplated under this contract.

The basement ceiling shall be covered with two coats of plaster, including sand float finish coat.

TILING

This specification provides for tiling all bathrooms. Floors shall be prepared by the carpenter and mason, and walls by plaster contractor as specified

above. The tile setter shall furnish and install 4-1/4 x 4-1/4 glazed commercialgrade wall tile with approved caps, cove bases, angles, finials, etc. Tile shall be installed to a height of 3' 6" and to ceiling around bath tubs. Bathroom floors shall be 1" or 2" hexagonal white ceramic tile.

The contractor shall furnish all setting materials and on completion leave the entire work properly grouted and cleaned.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All material shall be of sizes indicated, with allowance

for milling.

2" x 12" - spaced 16" c to c Floor Joists 2" x 8" - spaced 16" c to c Ceiling Joists 2" x 6" - spaced 16" c to c Roof Rafters Studding in in-2" x 4" - spaced 16" c to c terior partitions

One line of cross bridging shall be provided for each floor span exceeding 10'. The entire structure shall be braced and trussed where necessary and securely nailed as required by best practice.

UNDER FLOORING AND ROOF SHEATHING

6d nails.

ROOFING

one thickness of Celotex.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK

ly supported by approved hangers and straps.

MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH

MILLWORK - INTERIOR

rabbeted to receive 1-3/4" stock doors.

catalog stock.

FINISHED FLOORS

BUILT-IN CABINETS

ENTRANCE HALLS AND STAIRS

Sheathing on roof and all sub-flooring shall be provided as indicated. Material shall be No. 2, dressed and not over 6" wide, laid diagonally for floors and each intersection well secured by two

The mansard portion of the roof shall be a good grade of variegated slate. The flat portion of the roof is to be Certainteed built-up asphalt laid over

Provide and install 16-ounce copper flashing for valleys and angles, chimney counter and step flashed. Provide gutters and downspouts of 16 ounces copper with necessary fittings, all secure-

Stock window frames and sash shall be provided of the sizes shown on the plans. These shall be double-hung type as indicated and sash shall be glazed with single-strength clear glass. The sash

shall be 1-3/8" thick, check-rail type. Exterior door frames shall be 2" clear pine

All stock trim necessary to complete the various parts of the work indicated shall be provided. All casings, base, trim, stools and moulding shall be

of yellow pine of the best quality and of approved design as carried in local stock. Exterior doors shall be clear pine 1-3/4" thick of the size shown on the plans as selected from local catalog stock. Interior doors shall be of clear pine, six panel colonial design 1-3/8" thick of the size indicated on the plans selected from local

> Finished floors shall be of clear plain red oak 2-1/4" x 13/16", to be placed over all floor areas on the first, second and third floors, except the

baths. Flooring shall be laid tight and even and nailed every 16". All oak flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters. Before placing finished flooring all sub-flooring shall be covered with one course of building paper.

> Built-in kitchen cabinets shall be provided as indicated on the detail plans.

> All interior stairs are to be metal with terrazzo treads and risers. The interior walls of the entrance halls are to have claytile wainscoting. The remainder of the walls and ceilings are to be plas-

tered. The floors and stair landings are to be of terrazzo. Each entrance hall shall be equipped with a 6-receptacle "Keilson" governmentapproved apartment house mail box; finish to be "sprayed brass."

REAR PORCHES AND STAIRS

Rear porches and stairs are to be made of structural steel with concrete floors. The size is indicated on the plans. There are to be three outside entrances to the basement of the building, and these entrances are to be furnished with concrete steps.

PAINTING

Immediately upon completion of all exterior and interior woodwork the painter shall apply a priming coat consisting of white lead, pure linseed oil

and turpentine in the proportions considered best in local practice. Upon completion of the priming coat, all nail holes and other imperfections in the work shall be stopped and filled with white lead putty. Before priming, knots and shakes shall be stopped with one coat of pure orange shellac. Second and third coats shall be mixed and applied in the color selected. Painters may mix at the job all white lead and oil paint in the proportions customary in the locality, using paste, white lead, pure linseed oil, turpentine and dryer, mixed in such proportions as to weigh not less than 15 lbs. per gallon. Painter may use the best qualities of approved ready-mixed paints. Each can must bear the formula of its contents. Materials shall be used direct from this original package and in accordance with the manufacturer's directions. (This contract does not contemplate the painting or decoration of plastered walls and ceilings.) Painter shall oil-stain oak floors in shade selected and fill with an approved paste filler. Floors shall then be finished with three coats of white shellac.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for 18 bathrooms, 18 kitchens and 9 laundry trays in base-

ment.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage. House sewer line of 6" shall be carried to a point 50 feet beyond foundation walls. Vent and drainage system shall be installed and tested in accordance with best local practice, municipal code, or requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineers. All joints shall be filled with oakum and poured lead and well calked. 2" vent and waste lines shall be of genuine galvanized wrought iron. 6" vitrified tile pipe shall be continued beyond the foundation walls for 50 feet and the joints securely set with cement mortar. Plumber shall excavate and backfill all pipe trenches.

Water Supply. A pipe shall be continued 50 feet beyond the foundation walls in separate trench. This shall be laid using 1" copper water tubing with sweat-joint fittings. One-half inch copper tubing with sweat-joint pipe and fitting shall be installed for hot and cold water supply and connected with all plumbing fixtures and boiler. (Water closets and boiler shall be provided with cold-water supply only.) All pipe and fitting shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

<u>Fixtures.</u> There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

- 18 60" Queen Sinks #457
- 18 Knight Pedestal Lavatories 20" x 24" over all #224
- 18 Colonial Vitreous China Toilets with white ivoryette seat #344
- 18 60" bath tubs #123

Hot Water Supply. An indirect water heater (Sims, Allberger, Fre-Flo or equal) is to be provided under these specifications. Heater must be capable of providing ample supply of hot water (100 degree Fahrenheit temperature rise) with

normal boiler operation.

Alternates. If local building codes and practice do not permit the use of copper tubing and sweat-joint fittings for water supply, the contractor shall furnish genuine wrought-iron galvanized pipe in place thereof. However, where substitution is made, pipe one size larger than specified shall be provided.

HEATING PLANT

The purpose of this specification is to describe complete installation of the 1-pipe vacuum heating plant. All pipes shall be genuine wrought iron,

installed in sizes, pitch and direction as indicated on the heating plans and instructions provided by the manufacturer furnishing the vacuum system accessories.

Radiation furnished by this contract consists of a total of 2200 square feet concealed steam radiation. The boiler shall be of capacity and design equal to Kewanee Boiler No. 4K, complete including insulating jackets, standard fittings and tools.

The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire first, second and third floors of the building to 70 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is at Zero Fahrenheit and wind velocity is not in excess of 30 miles per hour. This should be accomplished with not more than a 2-pound gauge pressure at the boiler, or with the vacuum at the height specified by the manufacturer of the vacuum system accessories. The plant shall be tested as required and left complete.

Covering - Pipe and Boiler Jacket. The boiler shall have standard insulated jacket as regularly furnished by manufacturer, lined with not less than 1" thickness of asbestos sheet insulation, and 4" asbestos fill shall be placed on floor within jacket. All exposed supply pipes in the cellar and within building walls shall be covered with approved 2" air-cel asbestos covering. All exposed covering shall be banded at the joints with brass strapping.

Painting. All exposed pipes in the basement as well as any exposed unfinished cast-iron parts of the boiler shall receive two coats of approved smoke-stack black. All radiators, and any exposed pipes above the first floor level shall be thoroughly cleaned and receive two coats of approved heat-resisting radiator paint in color selected.

ELECTRIC WIRING

It is the purpose of this specification to describe a complete electrical installation. All material shall be of standard make and of quality and installed as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. All outlets shall terminate in approved metal boxes. Switches shall be of toggle type. All outlets other than for lighting fixtures and switches shall be equipped with standard duplex connections. Wiring to outlets shall be of approved-size BX cable of sufficient size to carry the circuit load.

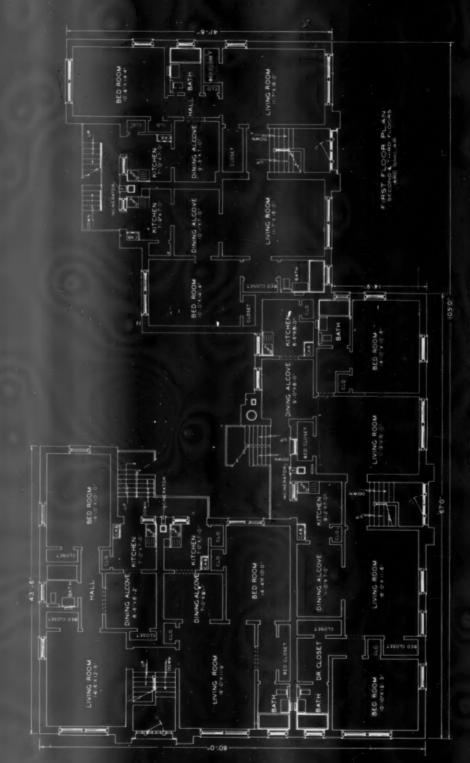
Each circuit shall be switched and fused and extended to a central panel board. This contractor shall terminate all circuits at an appropriate meter and fuse board.

Connection from meter panel to public service lines is not included in this contract, nor are electrical fixtures and appliances provided.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Each apartment is to be equipped with one 4-burner side oven gas stove with automatic oven regulator; one 6-cubic-foot electric refrigerator; and one In-

a-Door or Roll-Away bed. The building is to be provided with 3 Kerner incinerators, each incinerator to have a refuse door installed in the wall of the building at the proper height above the first, second and third floor service stair landings.



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING COSTS OF AN EIGHTEEN-FAMILY BRICK APARTMENT HOUSE BUILT IN SAINT LOUIS

MATERIAL

- Cost of face brick, salmon brick, dobies, flue liming, berra cotta, cut stone and building stone.
- Cost of all materials going into mortar, concrete, cement and plaster. ci
- Cost of all lumber, flooring, millwork, roofing and paint.
- Cost of all materials for plumbing, heating, electrical work, sheet metal work, iron work, hardware, marble, tiling, vitrolite and special equip-
- TOTAL MATERIAL COST.

LABOR

- Cost of setting all stone, tille, marble and vitro-life, laying brick and pouring concrete.
- Cost of carpentry, roofing, flooring, painting, decorating, and builder's general supervision. Cost of labor on lathing and plastering.

TOTAL OVERHEAD COST. This item includes cost of all eith permits, eith unspections and willly connection costs; cost of financing, in-terest during construction, insurance and sales commission on the building only; and estimated profit made by the building.

OVERHEAD

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- Cost of installing plumbing material and fix-tures, wiring, heating plant and sheet metal work. 6
- Cost of excavation and grading 10.
- TOTAL LABOR COST.

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THIRTY - FAMILY APARTMENT



Content: 303, 534 cubic feet 21, 372 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS, FOUNDATIONS, COLUMNS, BEAMS AND FLOORS Footings and foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5) parts broken stone, trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse

aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of the excavation wall shall be used as a form.

The columns, beams and floors shall be of reinforced concrete, 1:2:4 mix; columns and beams are to be provided and reinforced as indicated by the structural detail plans.

FINISHED CEMENT WORK - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS The exterior (curtain) walls are to be of 13" matt brick, laid in Flemish bond, and backed with dobies. The rear walls of the building are to be faced with common brick. The contractor shall

provide all brickwork as specified on the plans, comprising a chimney as indicated. Flues are to be lined with terra cotta of the proper dimension. Average-grade stone sills are to be provided for windows on the front and sides of the building. Ornamental work and roof coping to be of terra cotta.

Interior partitions are to be of 4" gypsum block.

LATHING AND PLASTERING

Contractor shall provide for 3-coat plastering over the 4" gypsum block. The finished coat shall be one (1) part dry gauged plaster to two (2) parts dry

hydrated lime. First grade workmanship is required in the application of each plaster coat. No cornice or other ornamental plaster work is contemplated under this contract.

TILING - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

ROUGH CARPENTRY
AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material (comprising only the roof rafters in the roof towers) shall be the best grade provided by local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock.

These roof rafters are to be 2 x 6's spaced 16" c to c.

These rafters are to be covered by No. 2 sheathing not over 6" wide, and well secured at each intersection by two 6d nails.

ROOFING

The flat portion of the roof is to be built-up asphalt over a 1" layer of Celotex laid over a 3" reinforced roof slab.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of clear plain red oak $2-1/4^n \times 13/16^n$, laid on wood screeds set in concrete. Flooring shall be laid tight and even and nailed

every 16". All oak flooring shall be scraped or sanded and completed ready for the painters.

BUILT-IN CABINETS

Built-in kitchen cabinets shall be provided as indicated on the detailed plans.

ENTRANCE HALLS AND STAIRS - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

REAR PORCHES

Rear porches and stairs are to be made of structural steel with concrete floors, sizes as indicated on the plans. There are to be 5 entrances to the basement of the building and these entrances are

to be furnished with concrete steps.

PAINTING - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for 30 bathrooms, 30 kitchens, and for 15 laundry trays in

the basement.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

Water Supply. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

<u>Fixtures.</u> There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of equal quality to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

30 - 60" Queen Sinks #457

30 - Knight Pedestal Lavatories 20" x 24" over all #224

30 - Colonial Vitreous China Toilets with white ivoryette seat #344

30 - 60" Bath Tubs #123

Hot Water Supply. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

Alternates. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

HEATING PLANT

The purpose of this specification is to describe complete installation of the 2-pipe steam heating plant. All pipes shall be of genuine wrought iron

installed in sizes, pitch and direction as indicated on the heating plans and instructions provided by the manufacturer furnishing the vacuum system accessories.

Radiation furnished by this contract is to consist of a total of 4000 square feet concealed steam radiation. The boiler shall be of capacity and design equal to Kewanee boiler #10K, and is to be complete including insulating jackets, standard fittings and tools.

The contractor shall guarantee the heating plant to heat the entire first, second and third floors of the building to 70 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is at Zero Fahrenheit and wind velocity is not in excess of 30 miles per hour. This should be accomplished by not more than 2-lb. gauge pressure at the boiler. The plant shall be tested as required and left complete.

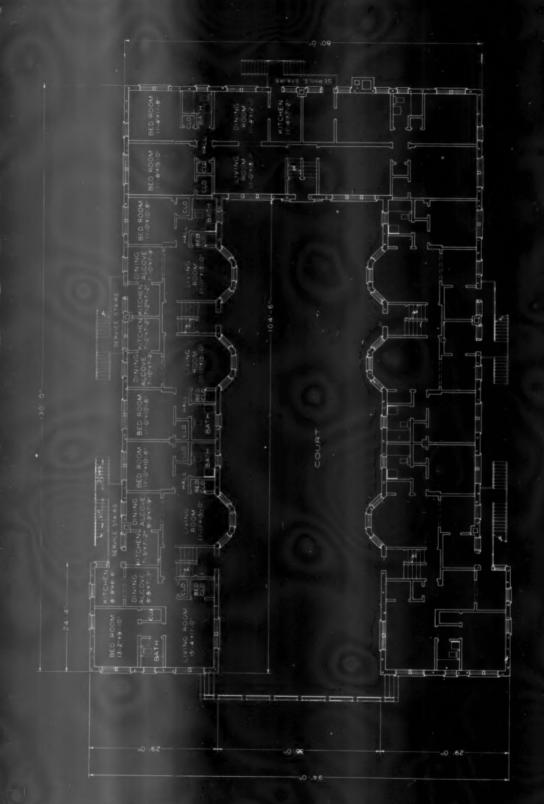
Covering - Pipe and Boiler Jacket. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

Painting. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

ELECTRIC WIRING - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

Each apartment is to be equipped with one 4-burner side oven gas stove with automatic oven regulator; one 6-cubic-foot electric refrigerator; and one In-

a-Door or Roll-Away bed. The building is to be provided with 5 Kerner incinerators, each incinerator to have a refuse door installed in the wall of the building at the proper height above the first, second and third floor service stair landings.



TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING COSTS OF A THIRTY-FAMILY REINFORCED CONCRETE APARTMENT HOUSE BUILT IN SAINT LOUIS

MATERIAL

- Cost of face brick, dobies, flue lining, terra cotta, cut stone, marble and tile.
- Cost of concrete, claytile and reinforcing
- Cost of all plastering materials
- roofing Cost of all lumber, flooring, millwork, paint, etc.
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TOTAL OVERHEAD COST. This item includes cost of all city permits, utility connection costs, plans and engineering fees; cost of interest during construction and taxes and insurance; and estimated profit made by the builder - 7%.

OVERHEAD

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

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- Cost of carpentry, rooling, flooring, painting, decorating, and builder's general supervision.
- Cost of labor on plastering.

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- Cost of installing plumbing material and fix-tures, wiring, heating plant and sheet metal 10.
- Cost of excavation and miscellaneous.
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BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING



Content: 115,850 cubic feet 8,075 square feet

DESCRIPTIVE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Materials, Labor, Appliances. Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, permits, light and power necessary for the completion of the Wenzlick commercial building. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be sound, new and of good quality and all work shall be done in a skillful and workmanlike manner.

PREPARATION OF SITE AND EXCAVATION

The contractor shall clear the site of all trees, brush, etc. The excavation shall be of sufficient area and depth to accommodate the footings of the building. The ground to be enclosed by the foun-

dation walls shall be leveled to receive a 3" cinder bed. Any surplus material not required to grade the plot as indicated by plans shall be removed from the premises and the shortage of materials shall be furnished by the contractor.

Rock excavation is not included in this contract. The contractor will be paid an additional price per cubic foot for rock removal as specified in his bid.

CONCRETE FOOTINGS, FOUNDATIONS AND FLOOR

Footings and foundation walls shall be installed to dimensions indicated on the plans. The mixture shall be one (1) part Portland Cement, three (3) parts clean sharp sand, five (5) parts broken

stone, trap-rock, gravel or other suitable clean coarse aggregate, graded in size to pass through a 2" screen, adequately mixed with a sufficient amount of clean water in a mechanical batch mixer, placed in the forms within one-half hour thereafter. Substantial and tight forms shall be built on both inner and outer surface foundations of the walls. No part of the excavation wall shall be used as a form.

Reinforcing rods are to be placed in the foundation and footings as indicated on the detailed plans.

The floor of the building is to be 1:3:5 concrete poured over a 3" cinder bed. The concrete floor is to be 5" thick and is to be reinforced by 6 x 6 steel mesh.

BRICKWORK AND MASONRY ITEMS Exterior walls are to be 13"variegated matt brick laid in Flemish bond and backed with common brick. The rear wall of the building is to be faced with common brick.

Interior partitions are to be curtain walls of 4" gypsum block.

STRUCTURAL STEEL

Structural steel work shall be 6 x 6 "H" columns supporting 10" "I" beams as indicated on the structural steel plans. Ceiling joists are to be 16" steel bar joists set on 54" centers. 2½" x 3½" x 1/4" angle iron 4 feet long shall form the lintel over each door and window in the rear wall.

PLASTERING

Contractor shall provide for 3-coat plastering of gypsum block partitions. The scratch coat shall be one (1) part lime putty and two (2) parts sand with proper proportions of fiber and sand added. The brown coat shall be one (1) part lime putty to three (3) parts sand, and the finish coat shall be one (1) part hard wall plaster to two (2) parts of hydrated lime. The ceilings shall be plastered three (3) coats over expanded metal lath, the first two coats to be the same as those placed on the walls. The finished coat of the ceilings shall be acoustical plaster.

ROUGH CARPENTRY AND FRAMING MATERIAL

Rough carpentry and framing material shall be the best grade provided in local practice. It may be yellow pine, white pine, fir or hemlock. All material shall be of sizes indicated.

Roof rafters, 2" x 6" - spaced 16" c to c Studding for gable ends 2 x 4's - spaced 16" c to c

ROOF SHEATHING

The sheathing over the gable portion of the roof shall be #2 vellow pine dressed and not over 6" wide, securely fastened at each intersection by 2

6d nails. The sheathing over the flat portion of the roof is to be 2" metal edge gypsum plank.

ROOFING

The gable portion of the roof shall be covered with a good grade of variegated slate laid over 15-lb. roofing felt. The gable ends are to be covered with 10" beveled redwood siding. The flat portion of the roof is to be built-up asphalt and felt laid over the 2" metal edge gypsum plank and covered with roofing gravel.

FLASHING - SHEET METAL WORK - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

MILLWORK - WINDOW FRAMES AND SASH - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

MILLWORK - INTERIOR - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

FINISHED FLOORS

Finished floors shall be of asphalt tile (Johns Manville group B or equivalent) 1/8" thick laid in mastic over the concrete floor.

PAINTING - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

PLUMBING

This specification contemplates a complete plumbing, drainage and water-supply system for 5 lavatories and 5 toilets.

Sewer Line, Vents and Drainage. House sewer line of 6" shall be carried to a point 50 feet beyond foundation walls. Vent and drainage system shall be installed and tested in accordance with best local practice, municipal code, or requirements of American Society of Sanitary Engineers. All joints shall be filled with oakum and poured lead and well calked. 2" vent and waste lines shall be of genuine galvanized wrought iron. 6" vitrified tile pipe shall be continued beyond the foundation walls for 50 feet and the joints securely set with cement mortar. Plumber shall excavate and backfill all pipe trenches.

Water Supply. A pipe shall be continued 50 feet beyond the foundation walls in separate trench. This shall be laid using 1" copper water tubing with sweat-joint fittings. One-half inch copper tubing with sweat-joint pipe and fitting shall be installed for hot and cold water supply and connected with all plumbing fixtures and boiler. (Water closets and boiler shall be provided with cold-water supply only.) All pipe and fitting shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

<u>Fixtures</u>. There shall be furnished and installed to the rough connections here provided fixtures of quality equal to those specified in the following list: (The following list covers items manufactured by the Independent Plumbing and Heating Company. Contractor is permitted to substitute any equal combination.)

- 5 Knight Pedestal Lavatories 20" x 24" over all #224
- 5 Colonial Vitreous China Toilets with white ivoryette seat #344

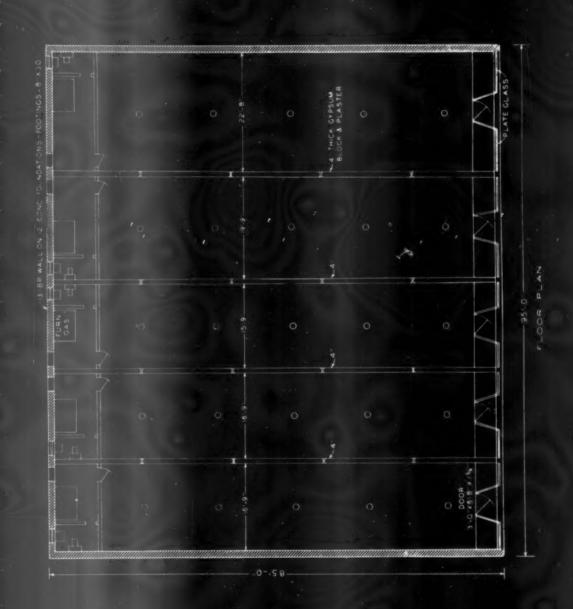
Hot Water Supply. A water heater is not provided under these specifications. It is to be provided under separate order on selection by the owner.

Alternates. Same as 18-family brick apartment house.

HEATING PLANT

The purpose of this specification is to describe complete installation of 5 gas-fired forced warm air furnaces. Furnaces are to be three 80GH, one DL2100 and one DL3125 Front Rank furnaces or equivalent. Duct work and registers are to be provided in the manner indicated on the heating plans. Each furnace shall be tested as required and left complete.

ELECTRIC WIRING - Same as 18-family brick apartment house.



BUILDING COSTS OF A BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING BUILT IN SAINT LOUIS

Costs are grouped into four classifications of material, four of labor and one of overhead. A further breakdown of these groups is given in detail below. Columns of the table are numbered, and a brief description of the items included in each is given in the paragraphs below. Paragraphs are numbered to correspond with the columns described. Building material costs are indicated by the letter M; corresponding labor items by the letter L. No labor items are shown in Column 10, Building Hardware, as they have already been included in Column 5, Millwork.

Group A.

(I) Masonry: Cement, sand, gravel, acoustical plaster, hydrated lime, welded steel labric, face brick and common brick, and salt glazed coping.

(2) Tile Work: None included in building.

Group B (3) Unfinished Lumber: "I" beams, "H" columns, bar joists, roof rafters and studs, and redwood siding.

(4) Finished Lumber: Form lumber, asphalt tile flooring, slate roofing, roofing felt, asphalt, roofing gravel, gypsum holock and gypsum plank.

Group C (6) Heating: 5 gas-lived furnaces and metal for duct work.

(7) Plumbing: Soil pipes and fittings, waste pipe and fittings, traps and covers, curb box, solder strip, lead, tarred oakum, lavatories and toilets.

Group D. (8 Sheet Metal: Gutters, downspouts, flashing.
(9 Electrical Work: Main switch box, BX cables, switches, switch boxes, outlet boxes, (9 Electrical Work: Main switch box, etc.
(10) Building Hardware; Nalls, boils and hardware, etc.
(11) Painting; White lead, turpentine, lineed oil, varnish, shellac, stain, etc.
(12) Miscellaneous: Metal lath, mineral wool insulation.

Total Material and Labor Costs from E. (13) Total overhead, profit and other costs. This Item includes overhead and profit of subcontractors in plastering, metal work, heating, plumbing and electrical work; general contractor's profile, and Missouri sales tax (now 2% on materials), old age and unemployment tax (federal and State), liability and employees' compensation insurance, fire and tornado insurance, and completion bond.

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST

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CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF A ONE-STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING

E have used the following method of estimating the reproduction cost of a one-story commercial building and have found it very effective. We hope that you, too, will find it useful. You will notice that it is similar to the previously published method of estimating the reproduction cost of single-family residences and garages.

In this instance we show two lines on the chart on pages 81 and 82. The red line shows the cost of the exterior walls, including footings, foundation, masonry wall, windows and exterior doors and the plaster on the inside of the exterior walls. In a building of this type the exterior walls will cost \$55.50 per running foot, so in a 40×60 building (200-foot perimeter), the exterior walls will cost \$11,100.

The other line on the chart shows the cost of all other items in the building except partitions, plumbing and heating costs. In other words, the blue line shows the total cost of the concrete slab (there is no basement), the asphalt tile flooring, the ceiling, insulation, steel bar joists, roof planking, roofing, electrical work, and structural steel. In this instance it amounts to a unit cost of \$3.72 per square foot of ground area.

Therefore, a 40×60 building, with a perimeter of 200 feet and an area of 2,400 square feet, will cost (200 feet x \$55.50) + (2,400 square feet x \$3.72),or \$11,100 + \$8,925 = \$20,025. To this total figure you must add the cost of the partitions, plumbing and heating, as indicated by the table of "additional costs." This table appears on the chart on page 19. Upon looking at the chart you will see that you can read the cost of the walls (\$11,100) directly off the red line, and the cost of the floor, ceiling, structural steel, etc. (\$8,925) directly off the blue line.

For greatest accuracy we recommend that you not use these costs for buildings with bays wider than 25 feet. When you get into a wider bay, heavier structural steel is required and the cost goes up accordingly. You should also keep in mind that these costs do not include a basement.

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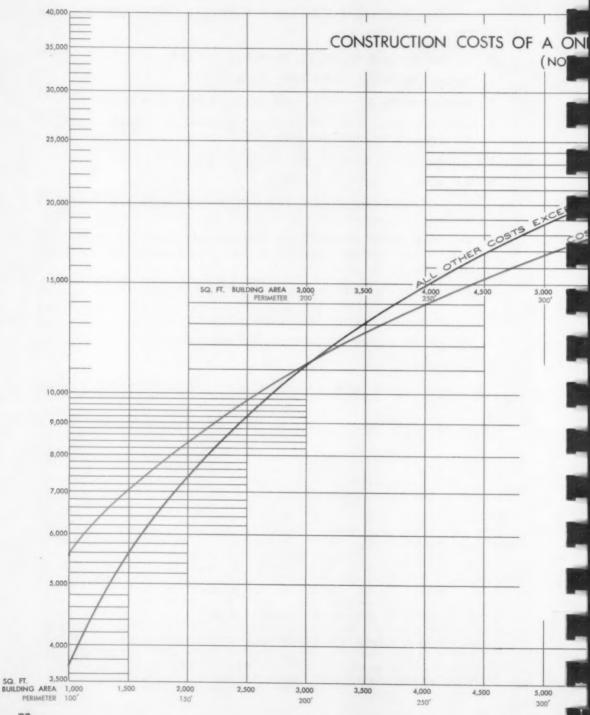
Briefly, the specifications of the type of building covered by these costs are as follows:

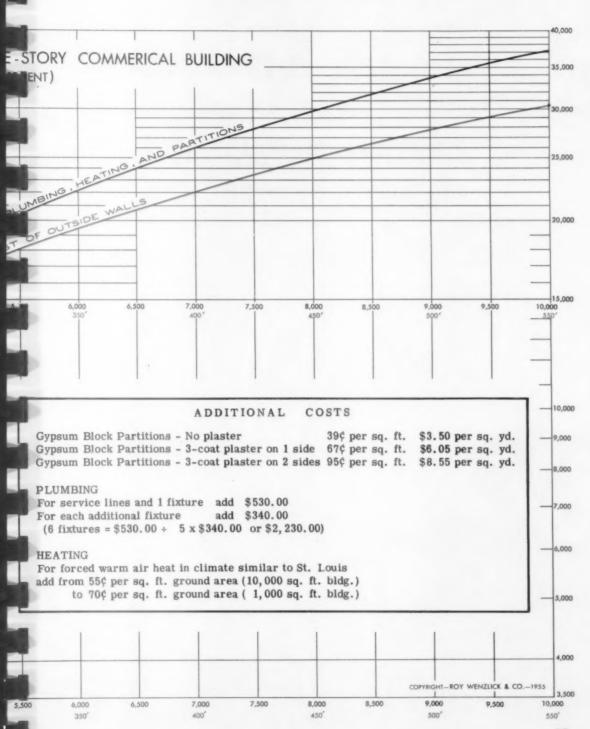
- 1. Reinforced concrete footings, foundation, and slab.
- 2. Asphalt tile floor (type B 1/8" thick).
- 3. Masonry walls, 13 " thick, with face brick on front and two sides.
- 4. Structural steel, 6 x 6 "H" columns supporting 10" I beams which, in turn, support 16" steel bar joists 54" on center.
- 5. Plaster, 3 coats on walls, with acoustical plaster on ceiling.
- 6. Insulation, 4" rock wool in ceiling.
- 7. Roof, 2" metal edge gypsum plank with built-up asphalt, felt, and gravel roofing. The gabled roof is covered with variegated slate over 15# felt.
- Electrical system, flexible conduit (BX or equivalent), with toggle-type switches and approved metal outlet boxes. No fixtures or appliances are covered by these costs.
- 9. Partitions not included in base costs; add as required.
- 10. Plumbing not included in base costs; add as required.
- 11. Heating not included in base costs; add as required.
- 12. Ceiling height = 12'.

Here is the way the costs on such buildings of various sizes work out in the St. Louis Area.

Per- imeter	Area	Per- imeter Costs	Area Costs	Sub- total	Plumbing and Heating	Parti- tions*	Total Cost	Cost Per Sq. Ft.
1001	600	\$ 5,550	\$ 2,232	\$ 7,782	\$1,220	\$190	\$ 9, 192	\$15.30
150'	1,350	8, 325	5,022	13, 347	1,640	285	15, 272	11.30
2001	2,400	11, 100	8, 928	20,028	2, 290	380	22,698	9.45
2501	3,750	13, 875	13,950	27, 825	3,450	475	31,750	8.45
3001	5,400	16,650	20,088	36, 738	4,400	570	41,708	7.70
3501	7, 350	19, 425	27, 342	46, 767	5, 850	665	53, 282	7.25
400'	9,600	22, 200	35, 712	57, 912	7,050	760	65, 722	6.85

^{*} For the purpose of this example, partition is assumed to be 10' high and to extend the width of the building and to be plastered on both sides.







FOR
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CUBIC FOOT COSTS ON SIX TYPES OF BUILDINGS

N the following pages are sketches and the latest cubic foot cost estimates on six types of properties. Following are the specifications for each type.

Old-style two-family building - built 1895-1900 - two-story and basement with stone front, containing two dwelling units eight rooms each; foundation 18" rubble stone; side and rear walls 13" common brick; interior partitions wood lath and plaster; pine trim; hardwood floors; tar and gravel roof; steam heating; average plumbing and linoleum in bathrooms and kitchens.

Four-family building - built 1900-20 - two-story and full basement brick, containing four units four rooms each; foundation 18" rubble stone; exterior walls 13" variegated matt brick, backed with 5 x 8 x 12 tile; 13" brick fire wall through building; interior partitions lath and plaster; pine trim; hardwood floors; mansard roof with Spanish tile, tar and gravel on back; tile in baths; four gravity warm air furnaces: average-quality plumbing fixtures.

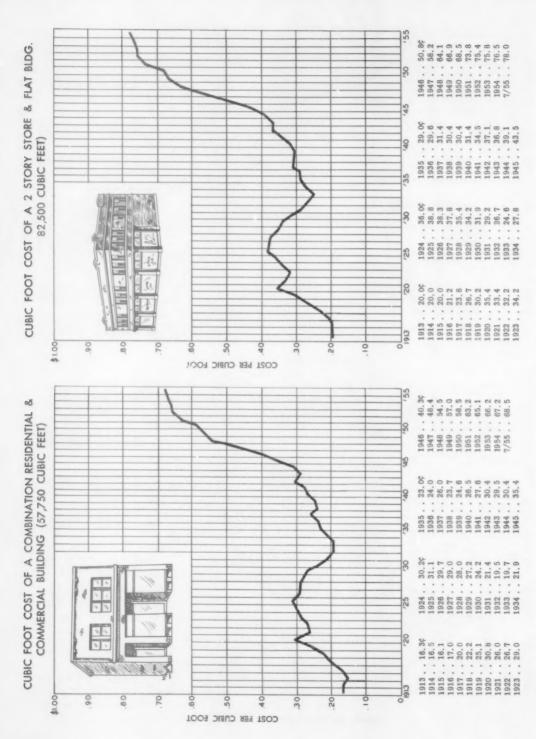
Combination residential and commercial building - two-story and full basement brick building with store on first and six-room dwelling unit on second; foundation 18" rubble stone; outside walls 13" common brick; interior partitions lath and plaster; birch and gum trim; hardwood floors; tar and gravel roof; steam heating system; average-quality plumbing fixtures.

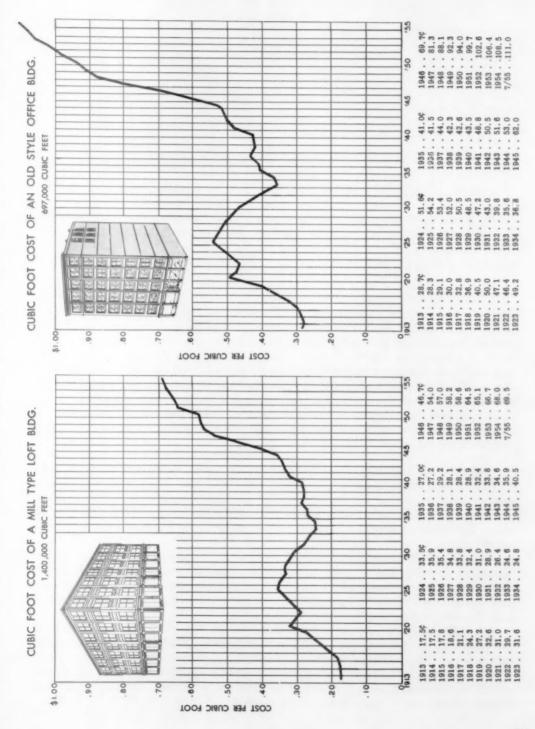
Two-story store and flat building - two-story and full basement brick building with stores on first floor and apartments on second floor; foundation poured concrete; exterior walls 13" brick with face brick on front and one side; brick fire walls separate apartments on second floor; store fronts plate glass in copper moulding; interior partitions lath and plaster; yellow pine trim; hardwood floors; tar and gravel roof; average-quality neating, plumbing and electrical systems.

Mill-type loft building - five-story and full basement brick building; foundations poured concrete; exterior walls load-bearing brick with stone trim and face brick on front and one side; wood window frames and sash; interior partitions plaster over tile; hardwood floors, timber girders; brick fire walls with double fire doors; tar and gravel built-up roof; average-quality plumbing, heating and electrical systems; sprinkler system throughout building.

Old-style office building - eight-story and full basement brick building; foundation rubble stone; structural frame, steel beams and girders; exterior walls, curtain walls; face brick on front wall; plaster walls and ceilings; tile interior partitions; maple floors over arched tile; mosaic tile floor lobby with marble wainscoting; one-pipe steam heating; marble floors and wainscoting in toilet rooms.

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CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF CHURCHES

N the following pages are charts and tables showing the cubic foot cost of three types of churches - frame, masonry with frame interior, and fireproof. The original cost is known for each of these buildings, and the figures shown have been brought up to date on a carefully computed index.

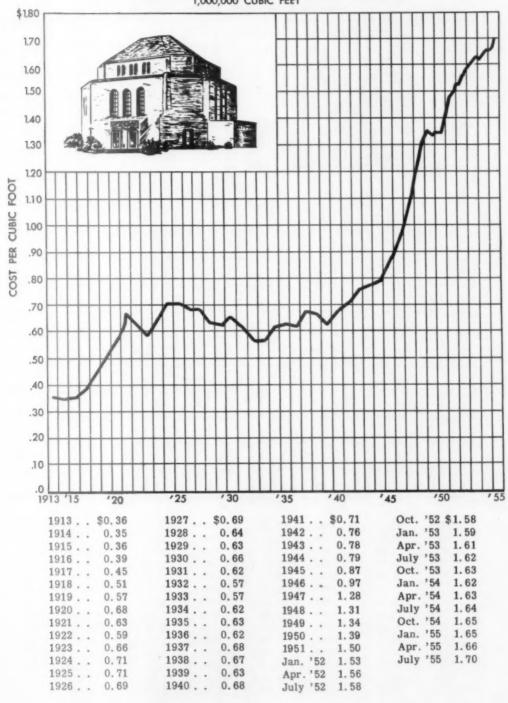
Churches, as a general rule, are very difficult to appraise. They present most of the problems common to special use properties and can usually be appraised only by the replacement cost method. The income approach is useless, and the comparative method is seldom feasible because churches differ so widely in size, shape, and quality of construction. Fortunately, most church appraisals are made for insurance purposes and not for determining market value. Most of the requests we receive for church cost information come from clients who are members of either the financial or building committees of their churches. In the first instance, the problem is one of insurance, and in the second, the construction of a new church or of an addition to the present edifice. The specifications for the three buildings follow:

FIREPROOF CHURCH: concrete foundations; partial basement; exterior walls, face brick with stone trim; stained glass windows; roof, slate over steel truss; copper flashing and gutters; floors, tile and hardwood over claytile filled concrete; partitions plaster over tile, or metal lath; ceilings, suspended plaster; birch doors and trim; vacuum steam heating; steel boiler; good grade of modern plumbing facilities.

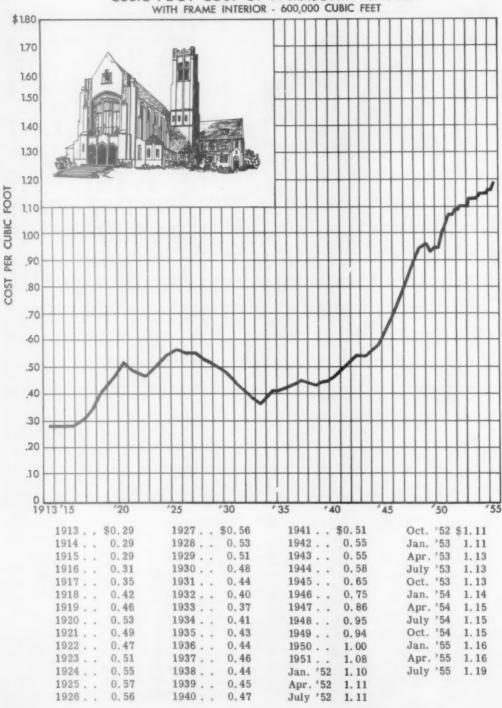
MASONRY CHURCH WITH FRAME INTERIOR: concrete foundations; partial basement; exterior walls, stone; stained glass windows; roof, slate; copper flashing and gutters; hardwood and linoleum floors; trim and doors, birch and oak; partitions, stud, metal lath and plaster; ceilings plastered; steam heating with steel boiler; modern plumbing facilities of fair grade.

FRAME CHURCH: concrete foundation, partial basement; walls, drop siding and sheathing over studs; roof, slate; copper flashing and gutters; steam heating with steel boiler; hardwood floors; partitions, stud, wood lath and plaster; ceiling in auditorium exposed beam and sheathing; other rooms have plastered ceilings; pine trim and doors; modern plumbing facilities of fair grade. (Organ and kitchen equipment are not included in any of the costs.)

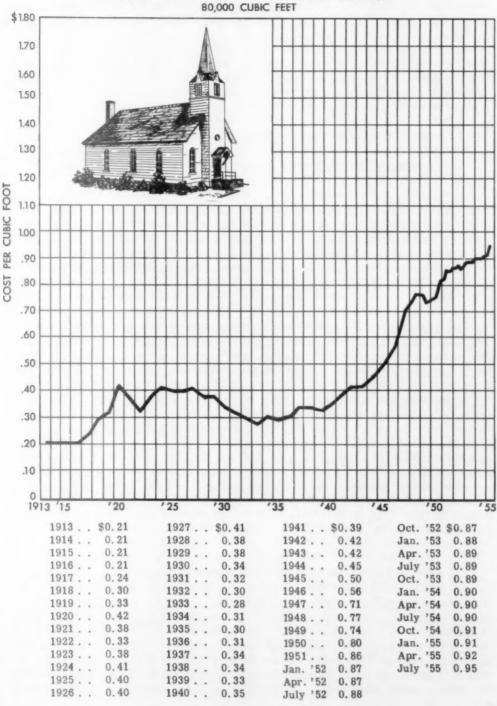
CUBIC FOOT COST OF A FIREPROOF CHURCH



CUBIC FOOT COST OF A MASONRY CHURCH



CUBIC FOOT COST OF A FRAME CHURCH



SERVICE STATION CONSTRUCTION COSTS

HE following discussion deals with the costs of reproducing the service station and its improvements, as this is the key to the summation approach to value. We have found that the value concluded by the summation approach in some appraisals has been too low. The reason for this has been primarily the fact that many of the so-called minor though expensive yard improvements have been omitted.

The construction costs of service stations have risen to such an extent in recent years that the gasoline distributing business of the major oil companies as well as many of the so-called cut-rate firms has gone to proportionately fewer but larger service stations. Since the end of World War II the number of service stations in existence has remained fairly constant, despite the fact that the number of automobiles on the street today has increased substantially. In order to serve the increased automobile population it has been necessary to increase the size of the stations as long as the policy has been to retard the number of stations because of the high construction costs. This postwar era has been characterized by a tremendous increase in cut-rate stations, particularly those with numerous pumps. These multipump stations generally have many more pumps than they have employees to service them. Nevertheless, they do serve a psychological purpose in that the impatient American motorist can drive up to a pump without waiting in line. Despite this fact, many customers have to wait equally as long to get service because of the lack of manpower.

The service station structure varies considerably, ranging from the economy-priced, small office station without service facilities to the large, elaborate self-service station with extensive service facilities. We believe that the trend in service station operations shortly will be to limited services, as the major oil companies which own a large percentage of the service stations in this country and lease them to the operator receive but little benefit from the investment that they have in the high-priced lubritorium and service bays. Since their lease to the operator is primarily based on a gasoline gallonage basis, the benefits derived from the lubritoriums, wash racks, etc., by the owners are small. Practically all of

the cut-rate stations offer merely the sale of gasoline and oil and do not solicit grease jobs or other service facilities.

BUILDING COSTS: Even the smallest and least expensive of the service stations have a high unit cost because of their semifireproof construction and their small size, and the facilities contained therein. It is necessary to bear in mind that the smaller the station structure, the higher the unit construction cost will be because of its wall ratio (relationship of perimeter to area), all other things being equal. The station that contains office space and lavatories only (two lavatories of two fixtures each), which would contain approximately 400 square feet, would cost as a minimum \$14 per square foot. This is the cost for an 8" concrete block building with no interior finish and but a waterproof paint applied to the exterior, having a built-up roof, a concrete floor and a small unit heater. This is typical of the inexpensive structures serving the cut-rate stations. The price includes painting, heating, interior electrical and plumbing costs. The average cost of a major company-owned station which contains office and lavatory space only would run between \$19 and \$20 per square foot, and its size would average between 475 and 500 square feet. This station is of concrete block and semifireproof construction, but in addition is of better grade construction than the minimum type of station. Greater amounts are spent for decorating, and these stations contain stone ornamental trim with plate glass extensively used. Costs may exceed \$22 or \$23 per square foot on extremely lavish office structures.

The two-bay service station, which is the most popular of modern stations, will vary in cost from \$10.50 per square foot to \$14 per square foot, depending on the quality of construction, the ornateness of design, as well as on the type of construction (concrete block, metal, brick, or stone). The average costs, however, run between \$12 and \$13 per square foot. These stations average in size from 1,300 to 1,500 square feet. Again, one must keep in mind the wall ratio, the square building being the most economical structure as it includes the greatest area with the minimum amount of wall space.

PAVING COSTS: Listed below are the costs of paving that would apply during nonfreezing weather only. The costs of laying concrete or black top would be considerably higher during periods of extremely cold weather.

6" reinforced concrete drive		65¢ per sq. ft.
5" reinforced concrete drive		55¢ per sq. ft.
Asphalt paving		25¢-30¢ per sq. ft.
4" concrete walks		40¢-50¢ per sq. ft.
6" concrete curbs		\$2 per linear foot
Crushed rock parking area .		7¢ per sq. ft.

PUMP ISLANDS: Concrete pump islands vary somewhat in size, and the cost would vary proportionately. However, we are giving average costs of pump islands:

2-pump			*		\$130
3-pump					150
4-pump					200

PUMPS: The costs listed below do not include the costs of installation, freight or wiring. There is an average of \$5 setting charge for uncrating and placing the pump into position. The cost of installing the pumps, which includes bolting down, wiring and testing, will run approximately \$40 per pump. The noncomputing pumps will cost approximately \$330, the computing pumps will run approximately \$350, while the low-boy computing pumps will run \$375. Pumps with the hose reel attachments will run approximately \$400 in cost.

YARD WORK: This is an item that is very often omitted in computing the cost of a service station, despite the fact that yard improvement costs are quite sizable. The cost of installing the electrical work for a 3-pump station will average about \$450, for a 4-pump station \$475, for a 6-pump station \$700, and for an 8-pump station \$850.

The yard plumbing, which includes water, sewers, gasoline lines and air lines, will run about \$600 for a 3-pump station, \$675 for a 4-pump station, \$800 for a 6-pump station, and \$950 for an 8-pump station.

In the event that it is necessary to install a septic tank, an expenditure of approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 is necessary, depending on the soil conditions.

TANKS: The cost of the tanks will vary but little from area to area, but the installation cost will vary greatly depending on the emplacement of these tanks, whether underground or above ground, vertical or horizontal, and on the soil conditions. In the event that any underground stone is encountered, the costs given would not apply. The underground installation costs include a sand backfill around the tank which will minimize the action of electrolysis, and in turn lengthen the life of the tank.

In some instances the tanks are anchored into position to prevent their floating to the surface when they are relatively empty and the ground becomes moist. The cost of anchoring the tanks in place will probably average about \$50 per tank. In some cases, however, particularly when the ground is sandy or rocky, such anchoring is unnecessary. Some firms merely have their tanks filled with water during the installation in order to anchor them during that period. Listed below are the tank costs and the average cost of installing these tanks below ground:

Tank (7	-gauge)	Installation cost
Size	Cost	below ground
550	\$ 85	\$100
1,000	130	130
2,000	210	200
3,000	280	260
4,000	350	330
6,000	620	430

Actual installation costs vary considerably. These costs apply under average, ideal conditions and include excavation, setting of the tank, backfilling with sand

and dirt, installing a fill line with cap and a manhole with cover 1" above the ground level, and connecting the tank to the gasoline distributing lines.

Relatively few tanks are placed above ground today. The vertical emplacement is by far the cheapest. In this instance the ground is domed and covered with a rock fill upon which the tank is set. This is the least expensive method. To set them horizontally is slightly more expensive, as concrete supports are required to hold the tanks.

LIGHTING: The cost of electric advertising signs and yard lighting varies with the type and size of the signs. Standards for flood lights and pedestal signs will average about \$100 plus \$50 for installation. Mercury lamps and transformers will average about \$80. A 4-foot neon advertising sign will run in the neighborhood of \$100, while a plain one will run about \$25. There is a \$75 charge for installing the electric signs. A 6-foot pedestal sign will run \$160, while an 8-foot sign will run approximately \$225. Again, a \$75 installation charge should be added.

EQUIPMENT: Generally the equipment furnished in a service station consists of an air compressor, a hoist, high-pressure lubricating equipment and shelving, display equipment and a desk. A 1/3 h. p. air compressor will cost approximately \$145, a $\frac{1}{2}$ h. p. \$160, a 3/4 h. p. \$180, a $1\frac{1}{2}$ h. p. \$300, and a 3 h. p. \$410. Installation charges will vary from \$25 to \$75, depending on the size of the equipment. Hoists will run from \$530 to \$565 for a full hydraulic 8,000-pound hoist. Installation will cost approximately \$125. High-pressure grease equipment will average \$800 plus a \$200 installation charge. Shelving, display equipment, and desk will average from about \$300 for a small station to \$500 and even higher for the larger ones.

COST OF REMOVAL: In many instances it is necessary for the appraiser to compute the cost of removing some of the improvements. The concrete islands would cost approximately \$50 each to remove, the hoist \$50, while the tanks will cost as much to remove as it costs to install them. Concrete paving can be removed for approximately 20¢ per square foot, while 6" concrete curbs will cost 30¢ per linear foot.

NOTE: These costs are based on experience in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Construction costs in the urban sections of some cities will run as much as 15% higher, while those in rural areas may average 15% less. For deviations from these base costs see page 2 of this manual.

ESTIMATING THE VALUE OF PORCHES

We have divided porches into four basic groups:

- I. The terrace or porch without a roof.
- II. The open porch with roof.
- III. The screened porch.
- IV. The screened and storm sashed porch.

We have developed cost or value curves in three quality grades for each of these four classes of porches. These curves are shown on pages 99 and 100 and give the square foot cost or value for porches with up to 300 square feet of area. To use these curves you identify the class of porch being evaluated and decide on its quality grade. (In selecting the quality grade of the porch it is almost always correct to use the quality of the house as a guide. Average grade houses usually have average grade porches, and good grade houses usually have good grade porches.) Then read along the bottom line of the chart until you come to the figure corresponding to the area of the porch, then read directly up to the quality line you have selected and pick off the square foot cost figure from the left-hand scale.

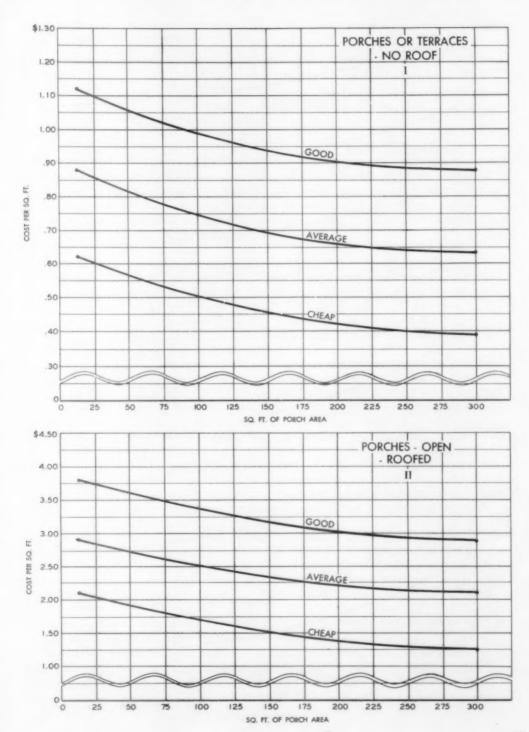
For example, a class II porch (open porch with roof, page 99) of average grade with 175 square feet of area will have a unit cost of \$2.25 per square foot and will be worth about \$395 before depreciation.

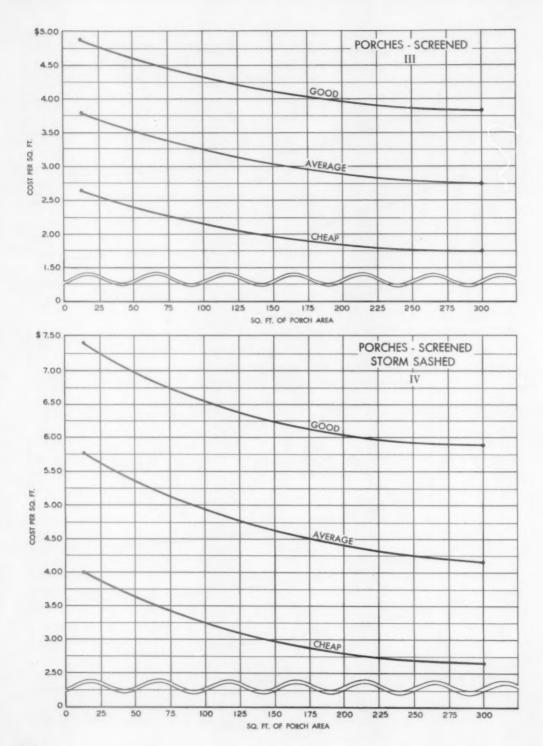
When there is a basement under the porch, add \$2 per square foot for the basement. If the porch has two stories, add 50% to its square foot cost.

We must point out that the unit values shown by these cost curves are intended to represent "market value" rather than reproduction cost. The lack of detail in the specifications of the four different classes indicates that we are not particularly concerned with reproduction cost. The reason we are not is that we feel that it is not nearly so important as the market value. In most instances it doesn't make a bit of difference in the sales price of a house if the porch slab is 4" thick or 6" thick, although the 6" slab will cost more than the 4". Along the same lines, we don't remember hearing of a buyer paying more for a house simply because its porch columns were round and fluted rather than square. In other words, there are many details that can go into porch construction that will run up the cost without resulting in a corresponding increase in the sales price of the house. For this reason we have not made any attempt to broaden our classification of porches nor to include all of the variations in specifications that increase the cost but which have little effect on the value.

Naturally, if a porch has some unusually outstanding features, the appraiser should add a little more to the values we show here. Most of the time, however, the cost curves will take care of evaluating the porches.

In the case of a completely enclosed porch care should be taken to determine whether or not the porch is actually another room. Our cost curves for a class IV porch do not include heating costs nor the cost of plastered walls and ceilings. Porches that are plastered and that have heat are usually counted as rooms, and their costs are figured at the same unit price as the rest of the house.





VALUATION OF RESIDENTIAL YARD IMPROVEMENTS

N using the technique of the cost approach in the valuation of residential property, the appraiser may wish to include in his analysis estimated replacement costs for various yard improvements. Driveways, sidewalks, patios, fences, landscaping and similar items of construction can and do materially affect the total value of a residence.

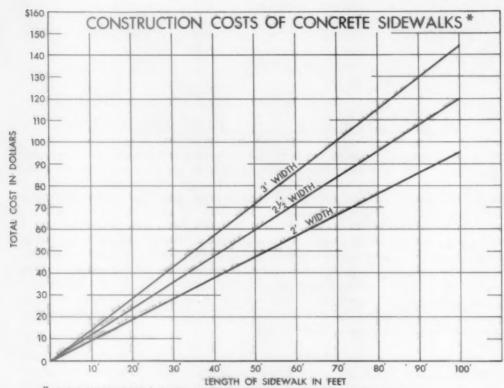
On the following two pages are graphs showing the estimated replacement costs of the two most frequently found yard improvements - sidewalks and driveways. The graphs are designed to aid the appraiser in his estimates of these costs. By pacing off the width and length of the improvement, he can then obtain an approximate total reproduction cost by reading the value on the left. Accompanying the graphs are listed a number of other familiar yard improvements and their estimated costs or cost ranges.

Because they are improvements to the land, there is an inclination among some appraisers to add the value of these yard improvements to the value of the land. It is our opinion, however, that in the cost approach these items should be added to other improvement costs (buildings) rather than become a part of land value. Consider, for example, the appraisals of two adjoining properties, one generously improved with a good sidewalk, driveway and landscaping, and the other with virtually no yard improvements. All other things being equal, the actual land value of these two properties would be the same. The difference in their total value would be reflected in the value of the improvements, in this instance, yard improvements, as an integral part of total improvement value.

Whenever construction is required on the land to bring it into usable condition, then those costs would be considered in the land valuation. If a drainage condition must be corrected, if large quantities of earth must be moved in (or out) to make a property usable for a residence, then the cost of such work when completed will be reflected in a higher land value.

With detailed construction costs for yard improvements the appraiser can, if he wishes, produce an impressive report containing a complete list of features to be included in the total reproduction cost figure. In doing this, he is performing a creditable service to his client, demonstrating that he has given attention to even these relatively small improvements to the property.

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* INCLUDES AVERAGE GRADING, CINDER BASE, 4" CONCRETE WITH FINISHED SURFAGE. - 484 PER SQ. FT.

APPROXIMATE COSTS OF YARD IMPROVEMENTS

Sidewalks and Patios

4" concrete on cinders with finished surface - 45¢-50¢ per sq. ft. (see graph above)

Common or used brick on sand base - 60¢-80¢ per sq. ft.

Common or used brick on concrete - \$1, 20-\$1, 60 per sq. ft.

Flagstone on sand base - \$1.00-\$2.00 per sq. ft.

Flagstone on concrete base - \$2.00-\$3.00 per sq. ft.

(There is a wide range in costs for flagstone improvements, depending upon the quality and weight of the stones.)

Fences

Frame (cedar), 4' - \$1.50-\$2.00 per lin. ft.

#9 Chain link, 4' - \$1.75-\$2.25 per lin. ft.

6' - \$2.50-\$3.00 per lin. ft.

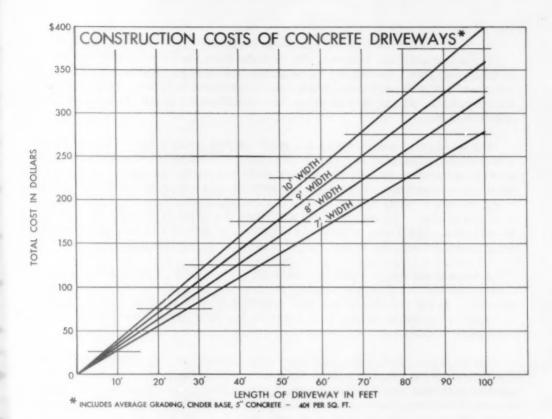
#6 Chain link, 4' - \$2.00-\$2.50 per lin. ft.

6' - \$3.00-\$3.50 per lin. ft.

Tight woven wire, 4' - 70¢-80¢ per lin. ft.

6' - \$1.00-\$1.25 per lin. ft.

(Costs for fences include an appropriate number of posts and gates.)



Driveways

5" concrete on cinders - 38¢-42¢ per sq. ft. (see graph above) Reinforced concrete - 42¢-46¢ per sq. ft. Asphalt paving on 4" rock base - 22¢-28¢ per sq. ft. Rock base with chat cover - 14¢-18¢ per sq. ft.

Walls or Retaining Walls

Brick - \$1.75-\$2.00 per sq. ft. of wall area Stone - \$2.00-\$2.50 per sq. ft. of wall area Concrete with stone veneer - \$3.50-\$4.00 per sq. ft. of wall area Concrete block - \$1.40-\$1.60 per sq. ft. of wall area

Miscellaneous Landscaping Costs

Sodding - 30¢-50¢ per sq. yd. Raking, seeding, fertilizing - 7¢-10¢ per sq. yd. New shrubs - average \$2.50 each for medium size Small trees - \$8.00-\$12.00 per tree

Note: All costs shown are assumed to include materials, labor and average workmanship. Many of the improvements listed here are constructed by "amateur builders" - the home owners. For this reason, if the quality of the improvement is below average, costs should be adjusted accordingly.

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From this point on, however, due consideration should be given to the value added by this yard improvement. Just as the factors of physical depreciation and functional and economic obsolescence are considered in appraising the building improvements, so can they be taken into consideration in the valuation of yard improvements.

We all know of homes which are more readily salable than others because of attractive landscaping and yard arrangement. Undoubtedly, the market values of these properties include an aesthetic and/or a utilitarian value considerably above the actual construction costs of the yard improvements which make them more desirable. This will be true up to a certain point where overimprovement becomes evident. An architect can add value to a home far beyond the costs of his services. Similarly, a landscape architect, by proper site planning, can add value to the property far beyond the costs incurred by his recommendations.

A formal garden, a fancy barbecue pit, or a winding sidewalk in some instances will add a value to a property in excess of the costs of their actual construction. In his report, the appraiser may wish to point out these considerations and apply a functional or aesthetic factor to his yard improvement costs or his total improvement costs.

On the other hand, some land improvements may actually detract from the desirability of the property. Poor arrangement of garage and house may necessitate a driveway which cuts up the yard area with a large turning apron. Steep grades of driveways with high retaining walls could detract rather than add to value. Shrubbery may be haphazardly arranged; a poorly planned but costly storage corner in the yard may be unsightly; improper grading may smother attractive trees or pitch surface water towards the foundation. Any of these or similar yard "improvements" may lower the value of a property, and the appraiser may have to depreciate his construction costs 100%, or even further penalize against the total value because of aesthetic or functional considerations.

Also, any yard improvements which are personal property 1 ather than part of the real property should not be included in the appraisal. Generally, personal properties are movable items, not affixed permanently to the real estate. The owner's intention of later removing a yard improvement should be considered. For instance, birdbaths, sundials, swings, benches and similar items cannot be included as real property, in most cases, in spite of the fact that they may add to the marketability of residences.

Generally speaking, when including yard improvements in the valuation of residential property, the appraiser has several principal factors he should consider; not only replacement costs, but also aesthetic considerations, physical deterioration, and functional or utilitarian considerations.

ESTIMATING REPLACEMENT COST OF GARAGES

HE four charts on pages 106 through 109 may be used to estimate accurately the cost of frame garages, concrete block garages, brick veneer garages and brick garages. The curves are applicable to virtually all sizes of garages usually found on residential property.

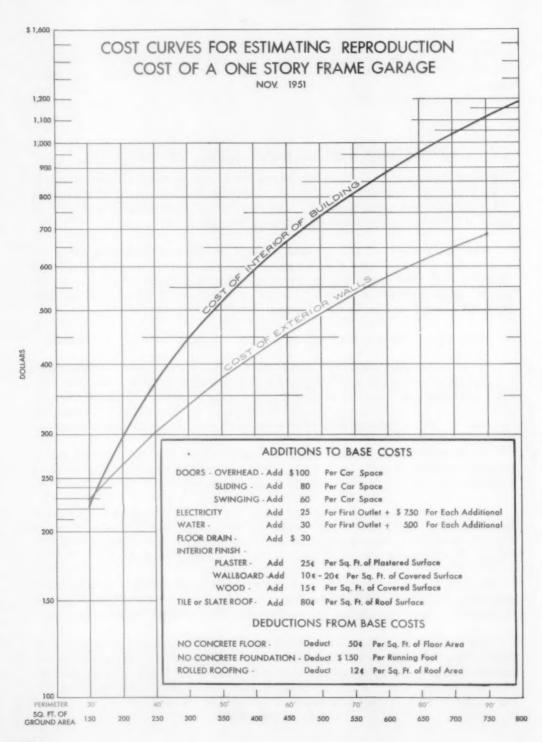
The base costs of all four types of garages assume average workmanship and materials. The base cost also includes a poured concrete foundation and a 4" concrete floor over cinder bed for each type of garage. Each garage has a 210-pound asphalt shingle roof over 1" wood roof sheathing. Two windows are also included in the base cost of each garage.

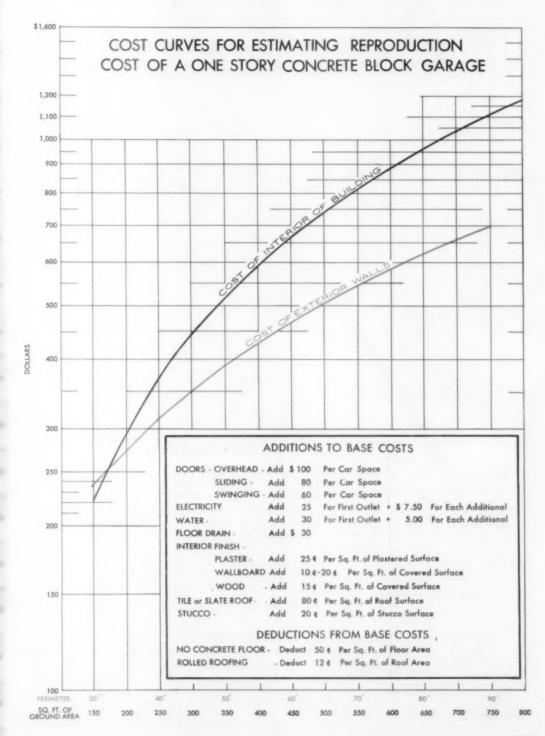
Other specifications which are covered by the base costs are as follows:

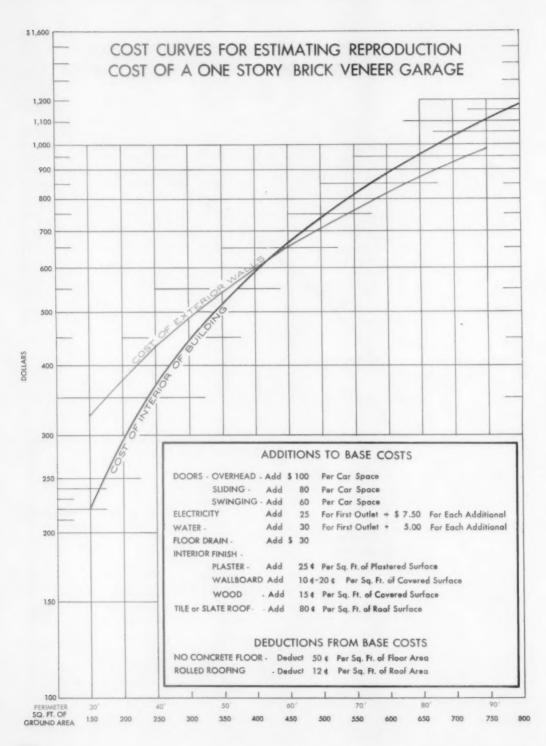
- 1. Frame garage Exterior walls, 2 x 4 studs, 16" on center, covered with average-grade drop siding and painted with three coats. No wall sheathing included in base cost. Cost of doors and other variable items, such as electricity and water connections, is covered by the table in the lower right-hand corner of chart 1. Floor, foundation and roof specifications have already been given.
- 2. Concrete block garage Exterior walls of 8" x 8" x 16" concrete block, painted two coats on the outside. The cost of stucco and other variable items is covered in the table in the lower right corner of chart 2.
- 3. Brick veneer garage Exterior walls, one course of common brick veneer over sheathing, supported by 2 x 4 studs, 16" on center. Cost of doors and other variable items is covered by the table in the lower right-hand corner of chart 3. Floor, foundation and roof specifications have already been given.
- 4. Brick garage Exterior walls of 8" common brick. The cost of doors and other variable items is covered by the table in the lower right-hand corner of chart 4. Floor, foundation and roof specifications have already been given.

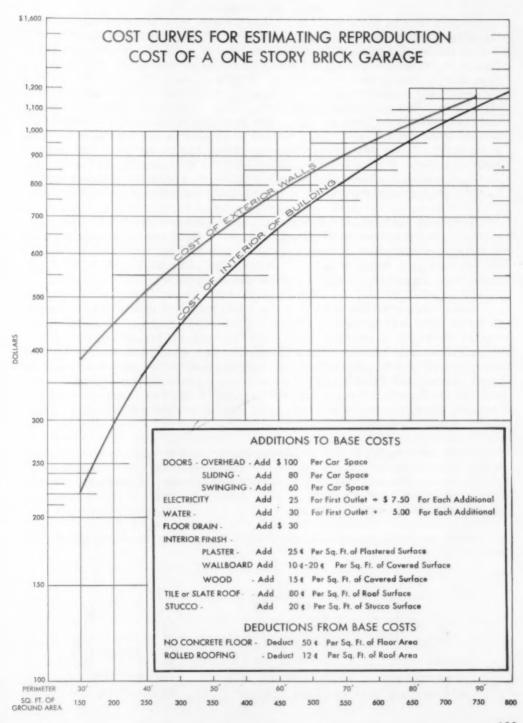
The red curve on each chart shows the cost of the exterior walls or of the vertical portion of the garage. In determining the perimeter of the garage, do not include the end in which the garage door is located, since there is no wall there. In other words, a 10° x 20° detached garage would have a perimeter of 50° (20° + 20° + 10°). (The gable ends are included in the roof cost.)

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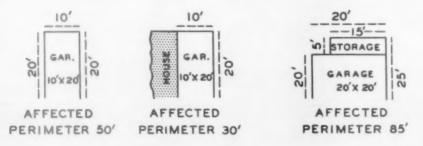
To find the cost of the walls in a frame garage, it is first necessary to know the affected perimeter. In the case of a 10° x 20° garage, this distance is 50° Follow the red line on chart 1 until you are directly above 50° on the lower scale. Then move directly to the left and read \$380 off the vertical scale. The next step is to find the cost of the floor and roof. This is shown by the blue line. Since a 10° x 20° garage is 200 square feet in area, you follow the blue line until it is directly over 200 square feet on the lower scale. Then move directly to the left and read \$296 off the vertical scale. The next step is to consult the table at the bottom of the chart to make any additions or deductions that may be necessary. In this instance, we will assume that the garage has an overhead door and one electric outlet. We, therefore, add \$100 for the door and \$25 for the electric outlet. By adding all of these factors together we arrive at the figure of \$801 as the replacement cost of the 10° x 20° frame garage (\$380 + \$296 + \$100 + \$25).

In figuring the cost of an attached garage, only two sides are totaled in arriving at the affected perimeter. Thus, if the 10° x 20° frame garage was attached to a house, the affected perimeter would be only 30° . In this case, the cost of the exterior walls would be \$228, while the other costs would remain the same. Therefore, the attached frame garage would cost \$654.

While we believe that the cost curves on these four charts are reasonably accurate, they will not take care of all variations in quality. Remember, the curves are based on average-grade materials and workmanship. The cost of cheap construction will run about 10% less and the cost of good construction will run about 10% more. Moreover, good-grade construction will usually include more "additional" factors, such as water connections, drains, electric lights and interior finish. This condition will usually be found in three- and four-car garages, because anyone with three or four automobiles will usually build a high-quality house and garage.

These cost curves can also be used to figure the cost of tool houses, storage sheds and work shops that are frequently attached to garages. The extra walls should be considered as part of the affected perimeter. If these walls do not have footings and foundations under them, a deduction of \$1.50 per running foot should be made from the total cost.

Below are three examples of the proper way to find the amount of affected perimeter.



SUMMER COTTAGES

S a result of rising incomes and more leisure time, there has been a big increase in the number of summer cottages since 1946. Nearly all of us know of various artificial lakes that have been built for the purpose of selling lakefront lots to families who want to build their own lakes hore cabin or cottage. There has also been a big increase in this type of activity in the older resort areas all over the country.

In the past few years we have appraised several hundred resort cottages in various parts of the country and have developed a set of cost figures that we have found fairly reliable.

You realize that there are literally thousands of variations in the construction of summer cottages and that some rather bizarre effects are sometimes achieved. It is not practical to draw up a set of costs and specifications that would cover all of these variations. The following specifications are, therefore, rather general and may be varied somewhat without any appreciable change in the final value.

Insofar as the cost curves are concerned, we believe that most of you are familiar with their use. After finding the ground area of the building you simply follow the appropriate curve over to the cost per square foot scale on the left of the chart and take the square foot cost from this scale.

These cost curves are based on the cost of simple, inexpensive buildings. Except in mild climates they are not suitable for year-round occupancy, and all or a major portion of the construction work is frequently done by the owner.

The base specifications are shown below.

TYPE I - Low-Cost Summer Cottages

FOUNDATION: Masonry or wood piers, or cheap masonry foundation.

BASEMENT: No basement.

EXTERIOR WALLS: Novelty siding; asphalt or composition shingles.

ROOFING: Light-weight asphalt shingles; roll roofing; metal roofing.

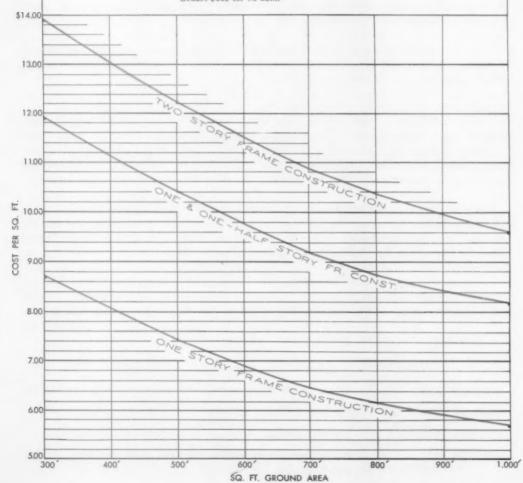
LOW-COST SUMMER COTTAGES

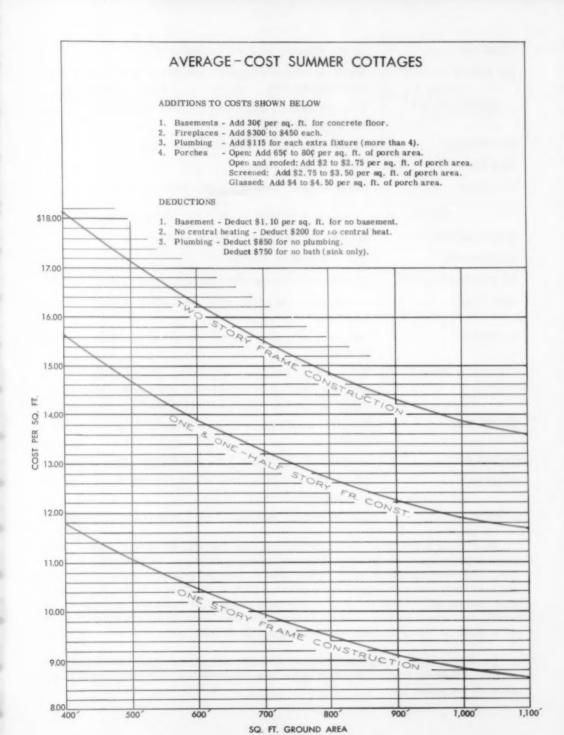
ADDITIONS TO COSTS SHOWN BELOW

- Basements Add \$1.20 per sq. ft. for concrete basement.
 Add \$0.90 per sq. ft. for dirt basement.
- 2. Fireplaces Add \$250 to \$400 each.
- 3. Plumbing Add \$100 for each extra fixture (more than 4).
- 4. Porches Open: Add 45¢ to 55¢ per sq. ft. of porch area.
 Open and roofed: Add \$1.25 to \$1.75 per sq. ft. of porch area.
 Screened: Add \$1.75 to \$2.50 per sq. ft. of porch area.
 Glassed: Add \$2.75 to \$3.50 per sq. ft. of porch area.

DEDUCTIONS

 Plumbing - Deduct \$700 for no plumbing. Deduct \$600 for no bath.





FLOORS: Single flooring on 2 x 6 wood joists.

INTERIOR FINISH: Stock doors and windows; minimum trim; cheap wall-

board or plaster.

LIGHTING: Electric lighting and cheap fixtures; drop cord switches;

minimum wall outlets.

PLUMBING: Cheap 3-fixture bath and kitchen sink.

HEATING: Stove or unit heater.

PORCHES: Not included. See chart for additions to base cost.

TYPE II - Average-Cost Summer Cottages

FOUNDATION: Rubble masonry or concrete block.

BASEMENT: Full basement; dirt floor.

EXTERIOR WALLS: Novelty siding; asbestos shingles; low-grade clapboard.

ROOFING: Composition shingles; chimney flashed; galvanized iron

gutters.

FLOORS: Subfloors with good pine or low-grade hardwood finished

flooring.

INTERIOR FINISH: Stock doors; windows; millwork; kitchen storage space

and shelving; 2 or 3 closets; walls and ceiling good-

grade plasterboard or 2 coats plaster.

LIGHTING: Electric lighting; wall switches; wall plugs in each

room.

PLUMBING: Fair-grade 3-fixture bath and kitchen sink.

HEATING: Pipeless furnace or low-grade gravity furnace where

climate requires.

PORCHES: Not included. See chart for additions to base cost.

Insofar as depreciation is concerned, we think you will agree that summer cottages depreciate much faster than conventional, year-round residences. For one thing, they are usually of much lighter construction and poorer workmanship. For another, they are unoccupied for a greater part of the year. In the third place, their maintenance is often not what it should be because many owners (quite correctly) feel that a summer cottage is a place to fish, loaf, relax and enjoy life and not a place to spend the summer wielding a paint brush.

For these reasons we usually give summer cottages a total life of about 20 years and thereby depreciate them more than twice as fast as a year-round residence of the same age.

MISCELLANEOUS BASIC APPRAISAL INFORMATION

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COST DATA

The problem of estimating construction costs by the cubic foot method is often complicated by different building designs. For example, a residence without a basement will have a higher cubic cost than another of the same area with a basement. Likewise, the newer types of houses with their low gables will have a higher cubic cost than will an older type of house (of the same quality) with high gables.

For the past several years we have published breakdowns of cubic foot costs by type of space. In these breakdowns we show the cost per cubic foot of roof space, living space, and basement space. The cubic content of the roof is figured from the top of the ceiling joists to the outer surface of the roof. The cubic content of the basement is figured from the bottom of the first floor joists to 6" beneath the basement floor. The living space includes all volume lying between the bottom of the first floor joists and the top of the ceiling joists.

In computing the costs of the basement and attic space, only the structural portion has been considered. The cost of the plumbing, heating, and electrical systems is included in the cost of the living space, even though portions are actually located in the basement or attic.

The various unit cost figures may be substituted within certain limits. For example, suppose you were appraising a brick house of approximately the same size and shape as the six-room frame house. Instead of using 91.6¢ per cubic foot for the cost of the living space, you would substitute the cost of the living space in the six-room brick house, or \$1.005 per cubic foot. You would find, then, that the living space would cost \$14,850 and the total cost would be \$17,870, compared with \$16,570 for a frame house of the same size and shape.

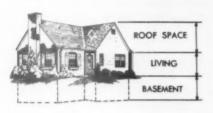
In a slightly different manner, suppose you were appraising a brick veneer house of approximately the same size and shape as the brick ranch house. This is a small house of only 16,250 cubic feet, including a full basement. Moreover, it has a very small roof cubage. These two factors account for the high cubic foot cost of its living space (\$1.21). Because of the wide difference in size, it would not be correct to substitute the cost of the living space in the brick veneer house (95.8¢). However, it would be correct to adjust this \$1.21 per cubic foot downward in proportion to the difference in the cost of living space in the fiveroom brick and the five-room brick veneer. Since the living space in the five-room brick costs 99.5¢ per cubic foot, and that in the five-room brick veneer costs 95.8¢, it is permissible to reduce the \$1.21 by about 4%. Therefore, the living space in a brick veneer ranch house would cost about \$1.16 per cubic foot, compared with the \$1.21 in the brick ranch house.

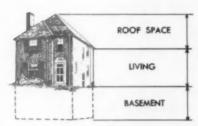
The total cost of the basement space is naturally governed by the size of the ground area. The exception to this is found in the basement cost of the brick ranch house. Its cost of \$1,580 is the lowest of any of these houses with basements. However, it is of new design and has a lower basement ceiling than the older types of houses and no outside basement entrance. Furthermore, its foundation walls are 8" thick compared with 12" in the other houses. The California-type bungalow should not be included in this comparison because it has no true basement. There is only a crawl space. The foundation is poured concrete, 6" thick, and the cost of the "basement" is made up of the foundation walls, footings, and 4 x 4 wood supports.

CUBIC COSTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SPACE















SIX-ROOM FRAME HOUSE (Ground area 825 sq. ft.)

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Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,050	3,300	31.8¢	6.3
Living	13, 550	14,788	91.6	81.8
Basement	1,970	6, 200	31.8	11.9
Total	\$16,570	24, 288	68. 2¢	100.0

FIVE-ROOM BRICK VENEER HOUSE

	(Ground	area 1, 10;	Cost per	% of
Type space	Cost	Volume	cu. ft.	total cost
Roof	\$ 1,825	5,003	36.5¢	12.1
Living	10,655	11, 125	95.8	70.5
Basement	2,620	8,782	29.8	17.4
Total	\$15, 100	24,910	60.6¢	100.0

SIX-ROOM BRICK HOUSE (Ground area 751.sq. ft.)

Туре ѕрасе	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,100	2,878	38. 2¢	6.4
Living	14,300	14,222	100.5	82.6
Basement	1,900	6,000	31.7	11.0
Total	\$17,300	23, 100	74.9¢	100.0

SIX-ROOM CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW

(Ground area 992 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 850	2,480	34.3¢	9.0
Living	8, 100	8,430	96. 0	86.0
"Basement"	470	1, 209	38. 9	5.0
Total	\$ 9,420	12, 119	77. 7¢	100.0

BRICK BUNGALOW (Ground area 1, 190 sq. ft.)

Туре ѕрасе	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 1,860	5, 223	35. 6¢	12.0
Living	11,000	11,050	99.5	71.0
Basement	2,630	9, 100	28.9	17.0
Total	\$15,490	25, 373	61. OC	100.0

BRICK RANCH HOUSE (Ground area 840 sq. ft.)

Type space	Cost	Volume	Cost per cu. ft.	% of total cost
Roof	\$ 840	2,520	33.3¢	7.5
Living	8, 810	7,300	120.7	78.5
Basement	1, 580	6,430	24.6	14.0
Total	\$11,230	16, 250	69.1¢	100.0

MULTIPLE USE DEPTH CHART AND TABLE

HE development of appraisal techniques and procedures has been greatly facilitated by the use of certainguides and bench marks. Among these are unit cost data, depreciation tables, capitalization rates and depth tables. Without these very useful markers the sound and seasoned judgment of appraisers would find it difficult to steer a true course.

The development of depth tables has been most interesting, probably beginning with the old 4-3-2-1 method over 100 years ago. Since that time various appraisers and valuation experts have evolved many other methods. The use of depth tables has been scorned by many appraisers on the basis that they represented opinion only and were not subject to measurement by known data. While it is true that depth tables cannot be scientifically substantiated, we think that that is a poor reason for ignoring them altogether. After all, no one has ever devised a scientific method for measuring depreciation - yet it takes place, and some depreciation table or curve must be used by all appraisers.

In preparing the following depth chart and depth table we have used what we believe to be a new approach. We have based our estimates on standard lots of different depths. In most neighborhoods there is a "standard" depth of the lots. In some, this "standard" depth is 100 feet, in others 150 feet, and in neighborhoods with large deep lots, the "standard" depth may be 200 feet or deeper. It seems obvious that "standard" lots of 150 to 200 feet deep should not be evaluated by a depth table with a standard depth of 100 feet. If most lots in a neighborhood are 200 feet deep, and one happens to measure 250 feet, this deeper lot should be appreciated on the margin whereby it exceeds the depth of the neighborhood "standard" (200 feet) rather than by its margin over the 100-foot lot. In other words, the added value is by virtue of the extra 50 feet and not on an "extra" 150 feet.

As another example, suppose an appraisal was being made on a lot 110 feet deep. This lot is located in a neighborhood of predominantly 150-foot lots. The value per front foot on the 150-foot lots is known. The value of a 100-foot lot in a similar neighborhood is also known. Instead of taking the value of the 100-foot lot in the other neighborhood and adding to it for the additional 10 feet to find the value of the 110-foot lot, this value should be found by subtracting from the value of the 150-foot lot.

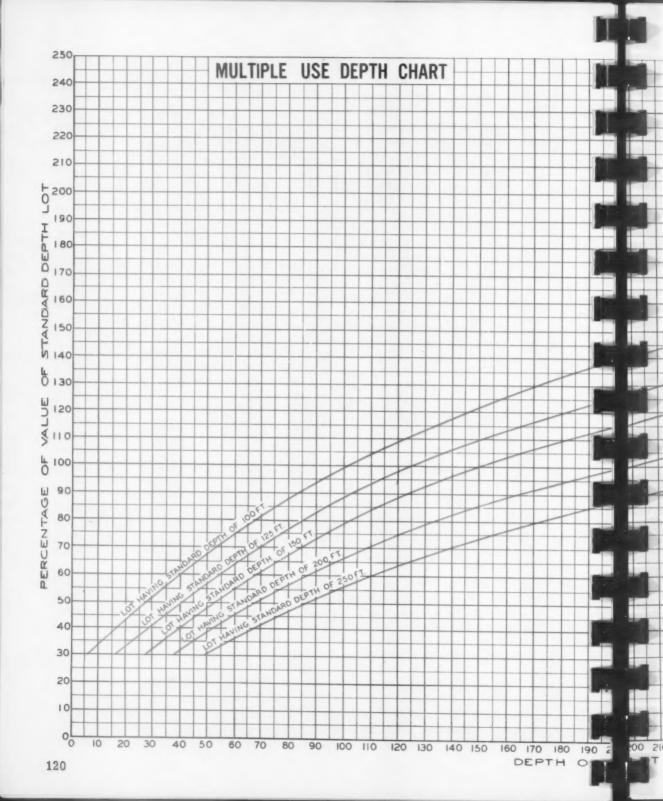
In order to use the depth chart, first determine the standard depth lot for the neighborhood and the improvement. Then locate the depth of the lot under appraisal on the lower scale of the chart. Follow a vertical line up from this point until it intersects the curved line representing the standard depth already determined.

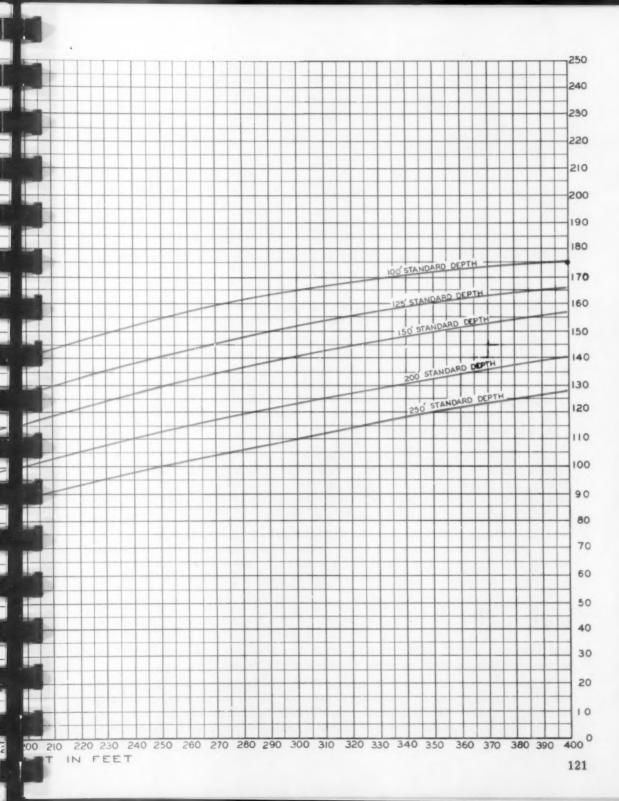
DEPTH TABLE

From the point where these two lines intersect, move horizontally to the percentage scale on the left of the chart. The reading on this scale will give you the percent of standard lot value to apply to the lot being appraised. To illustrate: Assume that the standard lots in the neighborhood are 150 feet deep and sell for \$40 a front foot. The lot to be appraised is 100 feet deep. From the lower scale project a vertical line until it meets the 150-foot "standard depth" line. From this point move horizontally to the percentage scale on the left. This scale shows that the adjustment should be 79%. By applying this percentage to the \$40 per front foot (price of the 150-foot lots) the value of the shorter lot is found. $(79\% \times $40 = 32 per front foot for this 100-foot deep lot.)

The table at the right was compiled by taking selected depths from the chart and showing the percentage adjustment that applies to them when various depth lots are used as "standard."

	tsed		Stand	ard I	Depth	
	Depth of lot to be appraised	100 ft.	125 ft.	150 ft.	200 ft.	250 ft.
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	201	44	34%		-	-
20	30'	52	41	33%	- 000	-
ge	40'	61	50	41	32%	0.407
ba	501	68	57	48	39	31%
100	601	75	65	56	46	37
Wil	70'	82	71	62	52	42
10	801	88	77	68	57	47
[OJ	901	94	83	74	62	52
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t	110'	105	94	84	71	60
lar	120'	109	98	89	75	64
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th	140'	118	106	97	83	71
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on	170'	130	117	107	92	80
fr	1801	134	120	110	94	83
en	190'	137	123	113	97	85
ak	2001	140	126	116	100	88
S	2251	147	134	123	107	94
99	2501	154	140	129	112	100
ıta	2751	160	146	136	118	105
cei	3001	164	152	140	123	110
Percentages taken from depth chart on following pages.	325	168	156	145	128	115
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	375'	174	163	153	136	123
	4001	175	166	157	140	127





A SHORTCUT METHOD OF DETERMINING REASONABLENESS OF ASKING PRICES ON TODAY'S MARKET

The salesman, the appraiser and the mortgage lender are all interested in determining whether an asking or a selling price on today's market is reasonable.

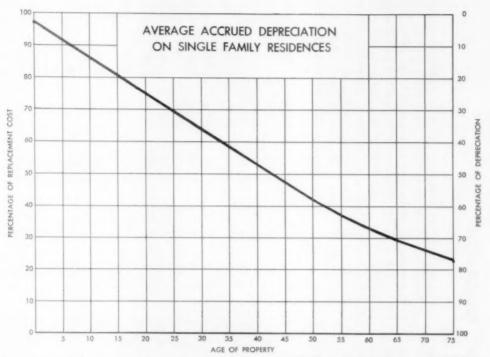
Frequently, real estate salesmen are loaded down with listings which have been taken at prices out of line with the market. Money is wasted on advertising and sales effort. In the end it may result in an offer so far below the listing price that the owner, who has been encouraged to believe that the listing price he gave was reasonable, either withdraws from the market or clings to his previous ideas of value until he becomes finally convinced that the market will not bring the price at which the real estate man accepted the listing.

The appraiser is quite frequently limited in a particular neighborhood by the lack of recent "comparable" sales. The few sales that may have taken place are generally of properties which are dissimilar in architectural design, size and location, and it becomes quite difficult to estimate the probable value of the particular property from the sales of a few others which are totally dissimilar.

The mortgage lender is always thinking of the soundness of his investment. If the property is overvalued in a rising market, the results may not be serious, but if a property is overvalued after the market has turned and is starting down, the value of the property may not stay ahead of the mortgage loan.

The table on the next two pages shows the average relationship of present selling prices of single-family residences to their selling prices in any period since 1908. The figures in this table are based on properties which are well maintained in neighborhoods which have had no change in use or deterioration through the infiltration of different racial or economic groups.

In order to use this table it is necessary that the selling price of the property in question be known at some time in the past, or that the selling price of a nearly identical property in the neighborhood be known for some time in the past. It can only be used on properties where no major alterations have been made since the



last sale of the property. It assumes, however, that good maintenance has taken place and that the property is relatively in as good condition as it was at the time of the previous sale. It also assumes that the last known sale of the property took place at the average of the market. If the sale at that time was at a price below the market, the present sales price arrived at by this method will also be below the market by about the same percentage. If, because of peculiar circumstances, the last sale of this property took place at a better price than the average, then the price arrived at by the use of this table will be above the market by about the same percentage.

The selling price arrived at from the table can be checked against the chart above if the replacement cost new of the entire property is available. By entire property is meant the replacement cost of the building, the land, driveways, and walks, planting, etc. On the average at the present time a single-family residence will sell for the percentage of its replacement cost new shown on this chart.

Of course, it is realized that in many cases neither the table nor the chart will take the place of the judgment of an appraiser, but, on the other hand, if the table and the chart give a somewhat similar value, and this value is also in agreement with the judgment of the individual examining the property, his judgment is confirmed by the average sales experience and the average depreciation allowances.

MARKET PRICE CALCULATOR

HE table below can be used to find the average selling price of a single-family residence which has been well maintained, if a previous selling price is known. It assumes, however, that the previous selling price was a fair price at the time. Suppose, for instance, that a residence sold in April 1920 for \$10,000 and that this was a fair price for the property at the time. The property has been well maintained and has been kept up to date by the usual modernization

additions have been made in the intervening period. By referring to the table you will find that the index for April 1920 is 2.65. It is merely necessary to multiply the selling price at that time by this index in order to find the average selling price today. Since \$10,000 x 2.65 = \$26,500, if this property has varied as the general market has varied, it should sell today for \$26,500, or. let us say, roughly between \$26,000 and \$27,000.

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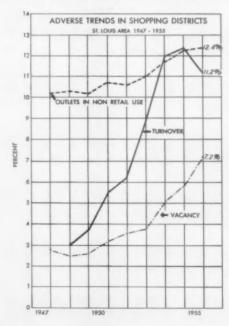
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1.72	1.75	1.74	1.69	1.88	2, 11	3.60	3.09	2.77	3, 11	2.90	3.00	2.23	2.87	3.02	3.09	2.65	2.50	2,21	1.91	1.44	1.31	1.22	1.21	1.18	1.07	1.03	1.05	1.01
1,72	1.75	1.74	1.68	1.87	2.08	3,55	3, 12	2.77	3.05	2.90	2.97	2.25	2.86	3.00	3.09	2.65	2.58	2.16	1.95	1.46	1.32	1.22	1.20	1.20	1.08	1.03	1.05	1.01
1,72	1.75	1.75	1.68	1.85	2.05	3.40	3,17	2.78	2.98	2.92	2.91	2.28	2.84	2.94	3.09	2.65	2,58	2.21	1.98	1.50	1,33	1.23	1.20	1.20	1.09	1.03	1.04	1.02
1.72	1.75	1.74	1.68	1,83	2.04	3,21	3.21	2.80	2.90	2.95	2.90	2.40	2.83	2.91	3.09	2,65	2.58	2.32	1.99	1.55	1.32	1.23	1.21	1.20	1.09	1.04	1.04	1.02
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1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
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ADVERSE TRENDS IN OLDER SHOPPING DISTRICTS

OR the past several years, many neighborhood shopping districts in the St. Louis area have been developing symptoms of their approaching infirmity. The foremost symptom and at the same time the most disastrous effect of this infirmity is vacancy. Another unhealthy symptom is high turnover, and a third one is "increasing percentage of nonretail use."

These remarks and those to follow are based on an annual survey made by Roy Wenzlick & Co. in the Greater St. Louis area, and deal only with older neighborhood shopping districts – mostly string street or ribbon developments. The survey is made by driving slowly through each of the shopping districts and noting the name and type of use at each address. The results are then tabulated and compared with the results of previous surveys. The 50 districts covered by the survey are scattered through the city and suburbs of St. Louis, and range in size from 35 to 265 stores (or uses, because an increasing number are not stores). Street frontage in these districts ranges between 1,800 feet and 9,000 feet.

As you can see from the chart opposite, adverse trends are continuing to increase in these districts. Perhaps the most disturbing is the rising vacancy rate, which has climbed to 7.2% in 1955 from 2.7% in 1947. Another adverse trend, perhaps foreshadowing a continued decline of these districts, is the increasing percentage of "nonretail use." This figure has risen from 10.1% in 1947 to 12.4% in 1955. Percentage of turnover is a fairly good indicator of the stability of a district, and this indicator is a good deal higher than it was in the early postwar period. Its present high level of 11.2% during the 1954-1955 period suggests that these districts are becoming more unstable than they were in 1947-1948, when the turnover percentage was only 3.0%.



One analysis of the vacancy percentages reveals about what you would expect. All of the 15 districts with the greatest vacancy rates (7.9% to 15.0%) are located within the highly urbanized areas of Greater St. Louis. Furthermore, of the 12 suburban districts covered by the survey, 11 had a lower than average (less than 7.2%) vacancy rate.

Insofar as growth of the districts since 1947 is concerned, most of it has naturally taken place in the suburbs. Of the 10 districts with the greatest growth (12% to 39%) 7 are located in the suburbs. Moreover, one of the rapidly growing urban districts has a 12% vacancy rate, indicating that expansion may have been overdone. Conversely, the districts that have shrunk the most are the urban districts. Among the 15 districts that have shrunk (from 0.5% to 22.5%), 14 are in urban areas. The biggest decrease was caused partly by demolition of buildings for a new expressway. In this district only, however, was the demolition of buildings a factor.

Before going on to a more detailed analysis, let's take one final look at the three disturbing factors.

<u>Vacancy</u>. In 1947, vacancy amounted to 152 units out of a total of 5, 602 (2.7%). In 1955, it amounted to 421 units out of a total of 5, 823 (7.2%). Thus, while the number of units has increased about 4%, the number of vacancies has increased 177%.

Turnover. From 1947 to 1948 there were 170 new uses out of 5,602 total, or a 3% turnover. From 1954 to 1955, there were 655 new uses out of 5,823, or a turnover of 11.2%.

Nonretail use. In 1947, there were 564 outlets devoted to offices, storage, industrial, residences and churches in stores, and other nonretail uses. This amounted to 10.1% of the 5,602 outlets. In 1955, this figure had risen to 720 nonretail uses out of 5,823 outlets, or 12.4%. During this 8-year period, the number of realty-loan-insurance offices increased 41%, doctor and dentist offices increased 40%, storage increased 50%, as did industrial uses, and churches in stores. Despite the decreasing housing shortage, there has been an increase of 126% since 1947 in the number of residences in stores.

Change of use within the shopping districts has also reflected some well-known trends. For example, the number of food stores has been in a steady decline in these older districts, and is now 24% below the 1947 figure. This is accounted for by the new shopping districts, all of which contain at least one supermarket, and the tendency of supermarkets to locate in more isolated spots where plenty of parking is available. The following tabulation shows what changes have taken place in these older districts.

PERCENTAGE OF NET CHANGE BY GROUPS 1947-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1947-55 (Summary of 50 Shopping Centers)

	1947-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1947-55
Food group	-11.6	-5.6	-4.3	-5.0	-24.0
General merchandise group	+4.2	-1.5	-1.5	+3.1	+3.2
Apparel group	+5.2	-1.7	-4.0	-5.6	-8.5
Furniture-household group	+2.5	-1.2	*	-2.5	-1.0
Eating-drinking group	+5.5	-0.6	-1.5	-2.5	+0.8
Automotive group	-1.0	-4.5	+0.8	-2.6	-7.1
Lumber-building group	+15.5	-7.6	+6.3	-7.2	+5.4
All other retail group	+0.1	+0.3	-1.6	+2.4	+1.1
Service group	-1.6	-1.8	-0.4	+2.3	-1.7
Recreation group	-6.4	-4.1	-11.4	+8.0	-14.0
Office group	+9.1	+7.8	+1.3	+1.1	+20.2
Noncommercial group	+23.9	+2.6	+26.5	+2.7	+65.0
Vacant, for rent, others	+42.8	+32.6	+16.7	+22.7	+177.0

*No change.

You will notice that over the 8-year period nearly all shopper types of use have decreased. General merchandise and the lumber-building group have shown slight increases, but all other shopper types of outlet and the service and recreation groups have decreased. Furthermore, you will notice that during 1954-1955 the lumber-building group decreased in number by 7.2%.

Within the individual groups of stores there have been even wider percentage changes during the 1947-1955 period. The table on the following page shows the more significant of these changes. About the only explanation we can offer for a decrease in the number of fur shops in these older districts is that the families that usually wear furs are moving into the suburbs and are now patronizing the fur shops located in the newer shopping centers. Insofar as hat shops are concerned, they usually require a high volume of traffic, and a good many of them have moved to the newer centers. Liquor stores are probably diminishing because of the tendency for supermarkets and drug stores to carry large supplies of liquor at cutrate prices. The decreases in the other types of stores are for similar reasons. Nearly all types of shoppers' goods outlets are decreasing in these older districts because they are being hurt by the competition of the new shopping centers. We have pointed out many times that the new centers were going to compete most vigorously at first with the old string street developments. Later on, when the older districts have been closed down, the new centers will start competing more vigorously with each other.

Now notice the types of uses that have shown the biggest increases. Of course, it's obvious why laundromats have increased so much. There were relatively few of them in 1947 and a comparatively small numerical increase resulted in a large percentage increase. That stores selling floor coverings and drapes have

increased shows that the do-it-yourself trend is not confined to the suburbs. However, this is hardly shopper-type merchandise. Music stores have increased in these older districts for two main reasons. First of all, more kids are taking music lessons and more kids are buying records. Moreover, there has been an enormous increase in the production of records and record players. Secondly, the number of music stores was at a low ebb following the war, and this increase probably brings them back to about where they should normally be.

PERCENTAGE OF NET CHANGE IN USES, 1947-55 (By Type of Business)

Decreases	Increases	
Fur shops55.0%	Laundromats	+82.0%
Hat shops47.1	Floor coverings, drapes .	+79.2
Groceries41.5	Music stores	+52.5
Liquor stores30.5	Industrial	+50.0
Confectioneries22.7	Storage	+50.0
Delicatessens13.6	Realty, law, insurance off.	+41.0
Filling stations13.5	Doctors, dentists	+40.0
Shoe repair12.0	Shoe stores	+12.6
Beauty shops9.1	Taverns and bars	+10.7

Of all types of uses that have shown substantial increases in the number of outlets during the 1947-55 period, only shoe stores sell what is considered shopper-type merchandise. The other increases have come in outlets that sell merchandise purchased at infrequent intervals, or in service outlets, or in outlets that are nonretail in character.

The same trends that affect these older districts in the St. Louis area are undoubtedly at work in other large cities, and for the same reasons. These districts grew up many years ago along public transportation lines and clustered around transfer points. The increasing congestion, caused by more people and more automobiles, frequently concentrates in these districts, making automobile shopping difficult, if not unpleasant.

Most of these districts will never regain their former importance. Some of them, however, hold such possibilities that through rezoning and redevelopment they can be brought to a point where their importance and utility will last for many years. As a matter of fact, rezoning and redevelopment would improve them all, but in some cases the surrounding neighborhoods have deteriorated to such an extent that simply cleaning up the shopping district would not be enough.

It is relatively easy to guess the future of some of these old districts. The strong ones will go downhill for a few more years and will then be rehabilitated. The weak ones will slowly die and will be replaced by some other use. Those that are neither strong nor weak cannot be analyzed so generally, but the chances are that they will continue to go downhill until they become much smaller.

ESTIMATING BUILDING CONTENT

Because they recognized the importance of a standardized system of building measurement, the FHA and the American Institute of Architects long ago issued definitions and specifications as to how this should be done. Without going into the details of these two measuring specifications, we can point out their most important parts.

In cubing a building, you should include all space enclosed within the outer surfaces of the outside walls, the outside surface of the roof, and 6 inches below the finished surface of the lowest floor. This, naturally, includes all dormers, gables, penthouses, bays, and other enclosed portions of the building. It does not include cornices, outside steps, courts, light shafts, open porches, or loggias.

The best practice to follow in measuring any building is to walk completely around it first. Once you have an idea of its size and shape, go around again, measuring and sketching in the drawing as you go. It is a good idea to measure the entire building, and to check your dimensions by adding up all of the measurements along the east side to see if they total the same as the dimensions on the west side. Do the same to the dimensions on the north and south sides

In measuring ceiling heights you'll find it helpful to know how far it is from your chin to the floor. Once you know this, all you ever have to do is measure from the ceiling down to your chin and then add the distance from your chin to the floor. If you're 6 feet tall, you'll measure about 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 5 inches from the floor to your chin.

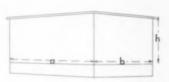
In choosing between the square foot and the cubic foot methods of estimating replacement cost, we recommend the cubic foot method in most cases. We use it almost exclusively. It takes a little longer, but greater accuracy is possible than in using the square foot method. This is especially true when residential buildings are involved. There are so many story height variations and differences in basements and roof structures that we find the square foot method inadequate. As a matter of fact, even greater accuracy can be obtained by finding the cubic content of the basement space, living space, and attic space, and applying different cubic cost figures to each.

Square foot costs may be used with satisfactory accuracy in estimating replacement costs on one-story commercial and industrial buildings. Upon occasion you will also find them satisfactory in estimating the cost of small and simple single-family residences.

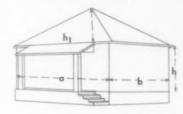
The cubic contents of the basements of the houses shown in these diagrams are all figured the same - area of the basement multiplied by the basement height; therefore, the basements have been left out of the diagrams.

BASIC SHAPES OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

I



Volume = base x height Base = a x b Height = h Volume = a x b x h II



Volume = base x height of 1st story + pyramid-shaped roof Base = a x b Height of 1st story = h Height of roof = h_1 (perpendicular distance from peak to ceiling joists) $V = a x b x h + a x b x \frac{h}{3}$

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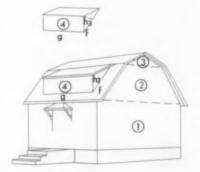


Volume = 1 + 2 + 3Volume of $1 = a \times b \times h$ Volume of $2 = (\frac{e + b}{2}) \times h_1 \times a$ Volume of $3 = a \times e \times \frac{h_2}{2}$

e = length across gable at roof
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h₂ = height of triangular portion
of gable
h₁ = height of trapezoidal por-

tion of gable

IV



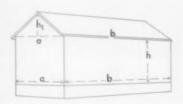
Volume = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4Volume of 1 + 2 + 3 same as diagram III Volume of $4 = f \times \frac{h3}{2} \times g$

g = length of dormer
f = length of base of triangular
end

h₃ = perpendicular height of triangular end

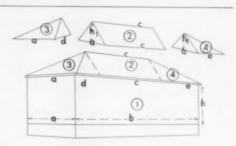
BASIC SHAPES OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

V



Volume = $a \times b \times h + a \times b \times \frac{h_1}{2}$

VI



Volume = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4Volume of $1 = a \times b \times h$

Volume of $2 = a \times c \times \frac{h}{2}$

Volume of $3 = a \times d \times \frac{h}{3}$

Volume of $4 = a \times e \times \frac{h_1}{3}$

VII



Volume =1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7

Volume of $1 = a \times b$ (- porch area) $\times h$

Volume of $2 = \frac{c + b}{2} \times h_1 \times a$

Volume of $3 = a \times c \times \frac{h^2}{2}$

Volume of $4 = \frac{e + f}{2} \times g \times d$

Volume of 5 = d x f x $\frac{j}{2}$

Volume of 6 = d x k x $\frac{h_3}{2}$ (k = g + j)

Volume of 7 = d x $\frac{h3}{2}$ x $\frac{m}{3}$

MISCELLANEOUS SHAPES FOUND LESS FREQUENTLY

HEMISPHERE (DOME)



 $V = \frac{2 \pi r^3}{3}$ r = radius T = 3, 1416 or 22/

CONE V

 $B = \pi r^{2}$ F = radius A = altitude A = 3.1416

 $V = B \times a$ CYLINDER $B = \forall r r^2$ r = radius

B = πr^2 r = radius a = altitude π = 3. 1416 or 22/7



